



# RANDOM PLOTS



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### Annual Renewal Fee Notice

**Your current registration expires on June 30, 2002.** To renew your registration, please complete the attached renewal form and CFE Activity Report and remit the annual renewal fee of **\$30.00** (thirty dollars). The Board must receive your registration renewal **NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2002.**

Failure to submit your renewal form could result in a suspension of your registration.

#### Continuing Education Requirements

Board rules require that every non-retired Registered Forester obtain **at least 10 hours of CE's per year** (6 SAF category 1, & 4 SAF cat. 1, 2, 3, or 4) during the fiscal year July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002. All retired foresters wishing to remain registered must obtain at least 3 credit hours per year. **RFs are required to submit their CE credits when they renew their application annually.** Any CE's earned prior to July 1, 2001 cannot be used toward the June 30, 2002 requirements.

Failure to obtain the necessary credit hours will result in the Board's refusal to renew the RF's registration until the required hours are "made up", at the rate of 10 CE's per year missed. A late fee of \$2.50/month will also be

assessed for renewal. There is no time limit on this obligation. However, the RF will have the option to become "Re-registered" by submitting a new application for registration, and passing the Forester's exam(s).

#### CFE Activity Report

A copy of the CFE Activity Report is included with this newsletter. Please list the programs attended, the sponsoring organization, date(s) attended, number of contact hours, and the SAF category (1-4) where designated on the form. You must attach of a copy of the CFE Certificates (Category 1 Hours Only) for each Continuing Education course you attended. Individuals must retain copies of all documentation for a period of two years in the event of an AUDIT by the Board.

Those Registered Foresters still needing CE credit hours may wish to check out the Board website ([HTTP://MEMBERS.AOL.COM/NCBRF/](http://MEMBERS.AOL.COM/NCBRF/)) for more information on programs being offered. Additional links with information on available programs throughout the South are also listed on the site.

## **Examination Results**

The examination for registration was held in Kinston, NC on March 1, 2002. The results of the examinations are:

	Pass	Fail
Level I	0	0
Level II:	6	3

To become registered all graduates with a bachelor's or higher degree in a forestry curriculum from a school or college of forestry approved by the Board must pass the comprehensive Level II examination.

Individuals that do not have a bachelor's or higher degree from an approved school of forestry must pass both the Level I and Level II examinations. The Level I examination is a closed book exam designed to show knowledge approximating that obtained through graduation from a four-year curriculum in forestry in a university or college approved by the Board.

### **The Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF)**

The annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF) will be held in Starkville MS on May 20-21, 2002.

ASBORF is a "Board of Boards" formed in 1992, to promote the discussion of ideas of mutual interest concerning forestry licensing/registration that transcend state boundaries. It is intended to encourage, where possible, uniformity among individual Boards and to assist in the investigation and conviction of persons who challenge the laws of one or more states by conducting interstate activities.

## **Enforcement Action**

The Board received and reviewed more than a dozen complaints over the last year. Most complaints concerned the illegal use of the term "forester" or "professional forestry services". The Board sent warning letters to each person determined to be in violation of the law. The two complaints described below required additional action.

Walter Thomas RF #409  
Vass, NC

A complaint was filed against Mr. Thomas alleging violations of the Code of Ethics. Mr. Thomas responded to the complaint and met with the Board. The Board found Mr. Thomas to have been in violation of Canons 9 and 10 of the Code of Ethics. Mr. Thomas received compensation from both parties in a transaction without the prior notification and consent of both parties.

In lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Mr. Thomas consented to a reprimand by the Board. Additionally, Mr. Thomas is placed on probation for a period of 5 years during which he must provide the Board with evidence he is in compliance with the terms of the probation and the Board's Code of Ethics.

Ken Mills  
Eastern Land & Forest Products, Inc.  
Goldsboro, NC

A complaint was filed against Mr. Mills for representing himself as a "Timber Forester" in solicitations of business. The Board contacted Mr. Mills and advised him that to represent himself as a forester, he must be registered with the Board. Despite assurances that he would cease, Mr. Mills continued to represent himself as a forester. The Board referred the matter to the Attorney General's office for enforcement.

directory will be sent to all RFs when they renew their registration.

### **New Registrants**

Since January 2002, 12 individuals have earned their forester registration. They are:

John C. Cook	#1457
Joseph O. Hemmingway, Jr.	#1458
Steven W. Krietemeyer	#1459
Gary R. Long	#1460
Mitchell Ludwig	#1461
William R. Nettles, IV	#1462
Bruce M. Stevens	#1463
Charles R. Stevenson	#1464
Gary W. Creamer	#1465
Richard A. Crouse	#1466
Keith B. Ritter	#1467
Mark W. Hall	#1468

### **Are You A Retired RF or Simply a Tired One?**

The Forester Registration Act provides for a designation of "Retired" for those Registered Foresters who are retired. Retired RFs need only to obtain 3 CFE credit hours (in any category) to qualify for renewal. But to be a retired RF, you MUST be FULLY RETIRED from the practice of forestry. If you retired from one professional career and now offer consulting services, you may be tired but you are not retired.

### **RF Information Package**

Newly registered foresters now receive an information package with their certificate. The package contains the current roster of registered foresters, a Best Management Practices Manual, and a directory of forestry-related websites. The package is designed to provide new registered foresters with information to assist them in practicing forestry in North Carolina. A copy of the web site

### **Schedule of Events**

The next meeting of the N. C. State Board of Registration for Foresters will be held on June 25, 2002 at Lake Jordan.

The next examination for registration (Levels I and II) will be held on August 30, 2002 in Morganton, NC.

### **Board Web Page**

We encourage RFs to use the Board website to access an updated roster, newsletters, a schedule of Board meetings, forms, and examination dates. The web address is:

<http://members.aol.com/ncbrf/>

If you have any questions, wish to bring an issue to the Board's attention, or if the Board and/or its members can be of service to you, please contact us.

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