



RANDOM PLOTS



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Annual Renewal Fee Notice

Your current registration expires on June 30, 2010. To renew your registration, please complete the attached renewal form and CFE Activity Report and remit the annual renewal fee of **\$40.00. Checks should be made payable to “State Board of Registration for Foresters”.** Please **DO NOT** send cash. The Board must receive your registration renewal **NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2010.**

Failure to submit your renewal form will result in the suspension of your registration. (This means you cannot represent yourself as a Forester in NC if your registration has lapsed.)

Continuing Education Requirements

Registered Foresters who do not have “retired” status must obtain **at least 10 hours of Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits per year.** At least six CFE credits must be SAF Category 1. The remaining four credits can be SAF Category 1, 2, or 3. These credits must be earned during the fiscal year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010. Retired foresters who want to remain registered must obtain at least 3 credit hours per year. **RFs are required to submit their CFE credits when they renew their registration.** Any CFEs earned prior to July 1, 2009 cannot be used toward the June 30, 2010 requirements.

Failure to obtain the necessary credit hours will result in loss of your registration until the required hours are satisfied. A late fee of \$3.25/month (maximum of \$40.00) will also be

assessed for renewal. There is no time limit on this obligation. However, the RF has the option to become “re-registered” by submitting a new application for registration, and passing the registration 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 (1-3) where designated on the form. ***You must attach a copy of the CFE Certificates for all Category 1 Hours*** for each Continuing Education course you attended. CFE Certificates are **NOT** required for CFEs credits earned in Categories 2, or 3. You must retain copies of all documentation for a period of two years in the event of an audit by the Board.

Please do not send this information unless you have all of your CFEs. CFE credit reports should **ONLY** be submitted with your registration renewal. Please do not send them individually.

Those Registered Foresters still needing CFE credit hours may wish to check the Board website (<http://ncbrf.org/>) for more information on programs being offered. Additional links with information on available programs throughout the South are also listed on the site.

One opportunity to get CFEs this year is to attend the NC-SAF meeting scheduled for June 2-4, 2010 at the Little River Golf & Resort in Carthage, NC. Go on line to: <http://www.safnet.org/meetings/othermeetings> for more information.

As mentioned in the previous "Random Plots" newsletter, the NC Board of Registration for Foresters only requires continuing education (CFE) for registered foresters. The Board is NOT a CFE provider, and the Board does NOT determine or approve the category of CFEs. This function is handled (in NC) by the Appalachian SAF, or ApSAF. The NC Division contact for CFEs is currently Ed Pomeroy. You can reach him at eepomero@gapac.com or by phone at 919-878-2400, ext. 103.

Registration Renewal and CFE Activity Report forms are also available at the website (<http://ncbrf.org/renew.htm>).

Continuing Forestry Education

by Ed Pomeroy – NC CFE Coordinator

All events must get evaluated **BEFORE** the event takes place. For workshops, seminars, conferences, lectures, and field trips, **providers** should email the NC CFE Coordinator a CFE Evaluation Application http://safnet.org/education/application_form_cfe.doc and a complete agenda for review, preferably 2-3 weeks prior to the event date. I'll review the agenda, calculate the hours by category, and send the provider the certificate for distribution at the end of the session. It is the provider's responsibility to submit a roster of attendance back to SAF National after the event; this is the documentation that would be used by the NCBRF should an individual or event attendance record be audited.

If you attend an event and feel it would qualify for CFE's, but the provider did not apply for CFE hours, there is still a method to get CFE hours awarded. An individual can submit proof of attendance along with a copy of the agenda directly to the SAF National Certification

Review Board for evaluation of hours. If you are an SAF member, there is no fee associated for this service. For non-members, SAF will charge \$25 per year to evaluate and maintain CFE records. Forms are available for both member http://safnet.org/education/newpCFE_member.doc and non-member http://safnet.org/education/newpCFE_nonmember.doc requests.

For more information on CFE's you can contact me (Ed Pomeroy) at 919-218-0623 or eepomero@gapac.com or go to <http://safnet.org/education/continuingeducation.cfm>

Chairman's Corner

Registered Foresters -- and others who use the title of "forester" in North Carolina -- are governed by General Statute 89B:

http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByChapter/Chapter_89B.html.

This law can only be changed through legislative action by the General Assembly. There are also administrative rules related to GS 89B. These rules can be found at:

<http://ncrules.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2021%20-%20occupational%20licensing%20boards%20and%20commissions/chapter%2020%20-%20foresters/chapter%2020%20rules.html>.

As you know from articles written in previous newsletters, the Board has been working with the staff at the State Office of Administrative Hearings on drafting revisions to these rules to better clarify how the Board operates with respect to registration qualifications, the examinations, the Code of Ethics, and to provide some relief for Registered Foresters who are on active military service overseas, or RFs who are experiencing other hardships.

This rules revision process is now in its next phase. The proposed rule changes have been reviewed by the OAH staff and are posted in the NC Register, Volume 24, Issue 20, April 15 on the OAH website in PDF and Word format at:

<http://www.ncoah.com/rules/register/Volume24Issue20April152010.pdf>. Comments are being accepted by mail to the Board's mailing address: P.O. Box 27393, Raleigh, NC 27611, or by email to info@ncbrf.org. The comment period ends June 14, 2010. There will also be a public hearing on June 1, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Ground Floor Hearing Room of the Archdale Building, 512 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC. There is also a link to the rules information on the Board's website at: <http://www.ncbrf.org/>

Steve McKeand, RF # 1246

New Registrants

Since February 2010, 12 new Registered Foresters have been added to the roster:

Jericho J. Belcher	RF# 1670
Kimberly R. Campbell	RF# 1671
Julianne Harris	RF# 1672
Eric Muecke	RF# 1673
Amanda Newman	RF# 1674
Dakota D. Paris	RF# 1675
Andrew Scott	RF# 1676
Thomas Ward	RF# 1677
James Askew	RF# 1678
Tony Lee Brown	RF# 1679
Christopher Charest	RF# 1680
Alan D. Moore	RF# 1681

Forester Examinations

After consulting with Bobby Bryan, an attorney from the Office of Administrative Hearings, and reviewing the Registered Forester law (GS 89B-9), the Board has adopted a significant new policy related to the registration examination. A passing score on one of the exams, either the Level I or Level II exam, with 70% will satisfy the examination requirement of registration. Due to the wording of the GS-89B, the decision to administer two different examinations is still appropriate, however the law only requires applicants to pass one exam.

The most recent examination for registration was given on February 11, 2010 in Greenville. The results are provided below:

	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Pre-Qualifying (Level I)	3	0
Qualifying (Level II)	7	3

To become registered, all graduates with a forestry degree from a SAF-accredited school must pass the comprehensive Level 2 Examination. This exam focuses on the practice of forestry in North Carolina. Up to now, individuals without a forestry degree had to first pass the Level 1 comprehensive examination designed to show knowledge approximating that obtained through graduation from a four-year curriculum in forestry, then pass the Level 2 exam.

All future Level 1 exams will test the applicants knowledge of forestry approximating that obtained through graduation from a four-year curriculum in forestry and will also focus on the practice of forestry in North Carolina.

The Board offers both examinations twice a year. **The next examination will be offered on August 23, 2010, in Morganton, NC.**

Wallace Wayne Hicks, RF# 2

Wallace Wayne Hicks, RF# 2 passed away January 15, 2010. He was 85 years old. Mr. Hicks served as past chairman of the NC Board of Registration for Foresters.

He graduated from Iowa State University in 1949 and began his forestry career as a professional forester with the Halifax Paper Company which became Champion International [now International Paper Company]. From 1965 to 1987, he worked at the Hoffman Forest as Regional Timberlands Manager for Champion.

Hicks was also a veteran who served his country admirably in the US Army Air Force during World War II as a B-17 pilot with the 613th

Squadron, 401st Bomb Group, 8th Air Force. He flew 35 combat missions over Germany and occupied Europe and was awarded six air medals and three battle stars. He served in the Air Force Reserve and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

CFE Audit

The Board will continue to audit continuing education classes attended by registered foresters. The Board cross-references the CFE credit sheets submitted with registration renewals with the attendance records provided by the course administrators. A minimum of five courses are selected each renewal period.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Board changed its meeting schedule to better coincide with exam results. This provided exam takers with more timely notice of the exam results and allows the Board to award RF numbers with minimal delay. Dates of Board meetings are posted on the website (<http://ncbrf.org/>).

Board Web Page

The web site of the State Board of Registration for Foresters provides RFs with instant access to various forms, current roster, registration information, past newsletters, Board member information, exam information, and continuing education opportunities.

Email: info@ncbrf.org

Web site: <http://ncbrf.org/>

The Board welcomes any comments or suggestions that you may have regarding the administration of the registration law. If the Board or its members can be of assistance, please contact them directly or through the Board office.