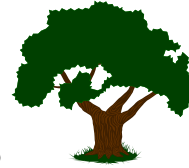




## RANDOM PLOTS



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## *Annual Renewal Fee Notice*

**Your current registration expires on June 30, 2011.** 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. Copies of renewal forms are also available on the Board’s website at <http://www.ncbrf.org/renew.htm>. The Board must receive your registration renewal **NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2011.**

***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 until your registration has been renewed.)***

### **Two New Items on Renewal Form**

There are two new items on the renewal form this year. Please read the information in the red box in the lower right hand corner of the North Carolina Registered Forester Annual Renewal Fee and Notice Form. Please contact the Board if you have questions about your renewal.

- 1) If you would like a registration identification card for your wallet, please check the box on the annual renewal form indicating your choice. The RF Identification cards will be mailed out the **middle of July 2011**. (This is a change based on administrative rule 21 NCAC 20.0190, stating that a card will be “issued upon request”.)

- 2) The Board decided to include the opportunity for you to request a printed Roster of Registered Foresters during the renewal period, instead of mailing out postcards in October having you request one. Please let the Board know if you would like a hard copy of the Roster by checking the appropriate box on the renewal form. (The hard copy of the Roster will be mailed to you in **November 2011**.)

### **Continuing Forestry Education Requirements**

As required by GS 89B-11(b) and by 21NCAC 20 .0123, Registered Foresters, who do not have “retired” status, must obtain **at least 10 hours of Continuing Forestry Education [CFE] per each year.** At least six hours of CFE credits must be SAF Category 1. The remaining four credits hours can be SAF Category 1, 2, or 3, or 4. These credits hours must be earned during the fiscal year July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011. Retired foresters who want to remain registered must obtain at least 3 hours credit hours per year. **RFs are required to submit their CFE credits when they renew their registration.** Any CFEs earned prior to July 1, 2010 cannot be used toward the June 30, 2011 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 per year) 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 Forestry 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 in Laurel Springs this summer. This meeting will focus primarily on hardwood management and is scheduled for June 8 - 10, 2011 in Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference & Retreat Center in Laurel Springs, NC. For more information go to: <http://www.safnet.org/calendar/eventList.cfm> for more information.

As mentioned in the previous "Random Plots" newsletter, the NC Board of Registration for Foresters only requires and monitors continuing

forestry education (CFE) for registered foresters. However, 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 (APSAF). The NC Division contact for CFEs is currently Ed Pomeroy. You can reach him by email at [cepomero@gapac.com](mailto:cepomero@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 Education Changes for FY 08-09**

As most of you know, SAF has made changes in their CFE standards and guidelines. The SAF Council asked the Certification Review Board (CRB) to oversee this process. Mike Thompson, former NC Board of Registration for Foresters member and chairman, represented NC's Board and acted as the representative for the Association of Southern Boards of Registration for Foresters [ASBORF]. The CRB finalized and approved a new CFE Handbook on January 2, 2008. A copy of this can be found on the SAF website at [www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org). The CRB intended to have these changes implemented by December 31, 2008.

The biggest change in the CFE standards is the revision of CFE "categories". The old standard included categories 1 through 6. The new standard only has categories 1 through 3. Since these CFE changes were not fully implemented by SAF until December 2008, the Board decided to implement the CFE changes effective July 1, 2009. Some rule changes will be needed, since the new CFE Category 3 includes the old Category 6, which is not acceptable under the existing administrative rules.

## **Editor's Corner**

### ***News Items Affecting Foresters in NC!***

#### **New Registrants**

Since January 2011, 3 new Registered Foresters have been added to the roster.

David S. Barker	RF# 1694
James Elliot	RF# 1695
Christopher Sharpton	RF# 1696

#### **Forester Examinations**

The most recent examination for registration was given on Friday, February 4, 2011 in Greenville. 6 applicants took the examination: 1 individual took the Level I exam for non-graduates, and 5 candidates took the Level II exam.

The results are provided below:

	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Level 1 Exam	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Level 2 Exam	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

The Level 2 exam is for those applicants who meet the educational requirements of G.S. 89B-9(a)(1), while the Level 1 exam is for those applicants who do not meet the educational requirements of the law.

To become registered, all candidates who meet the SAF education requirements must pass the comprehensive Level 2 Examination. This exam focuses on the practice of forestry in North Carolina. Individuals without a forestry degree (e.g. do not meet the SAF education requirements) must pass a Level 1 comprehensive examination designed to show knowledge approximating that obtained through graduation from a four-year curriculum in forestry.

The Board offers both examinations twice a year. The next examination will be offered Monday, August 22, 2011 in Morganton, at the Burke County Agricultural Center. Please check the Board's website for more information on taking the exam.

#### **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 three to 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. The next Board Meeting will be held on June 3, 2011 in Whiteville, NC.

#### **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](mailto: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.