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Happy New Year (a bit late)

Charles "Buddy" Tate Jr.

It is with sad hearts that we must pass along that Charles "Buddy" Tate Jr. passed away on November 5, 2011. Buddy recently served on the NC Board of Registration for Foresters; his term ended in June..

Buddy graduated from NC State University with degrees in Forest Management and Agronomy. After completing college, he served in the United States Coast Guard and as a member of the Presidential Honor Guard. Buddy began his 40-year career in forestry with the North Carolina Forest Service as the Lincoln County Ranger. He was a management forester with Riegel Paper Woodlands Division and later Federal Paper Board, Inc. In 1973, he became a Consulting Forester and real estate broker as Charles L. Tate, Jr. & Associates.

Buddy was a career member of Association of Consulting Foresters, Society of American Foresters, and the Forest Landowners Association. Buddy was a dedicated member of the Board of Registration for Foresters, and we will all miss him as a forester, Board member, and friend.

Chairman's Corner

The Board would like to remind all Registered Foresters of the Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) requirements necessary to maintain their current registration.

Every non-retired Registered Forester must earn at least 10 hours of CFEs per year between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. All retired Foresters wishing to remain on registered status must earn at least 3 credit hours per year. RFs will be required to certify their CFEs when they renew their application. Any CFEs earned prior to July 1, 2011, cannot be used to satisfy the June 30, 2012 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 CFE's per year missed. A late fee of \$3.25/month will also be assessed for renewal. There is no time limit on this obligation. Alternatively, the former RF will have the option to become "Re-registered" by submitting a new application for registration, and passing the Registered Forester exam.

The Board posts CFE opportunities on the CFE page of its web site. Some examples of CFE opportunities include NCSU's Forestry and Environmental Outreach Program [FEOP] teleconference series which typically provide 3 hours of Category 1 credits. Visit the website http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/progr_ams.html for more learning opportunities.

There are still many options available to obtain CFEs with over 4 months remaining in the fiscal year. Don't wait until June to start looking for CFEs!

Larry Suchi, RF # 623

Editor's Corner

Daniel W. Edwards, a Consulting Forester in Asheboro, is the newest board member. Dan is a 1983 graduate of N.C. State and Dan will serve as secretary-treasurer and newsletter editor. His background has been in consulting forestry for his entire career, working initially with retired & respected forester Daniel H. Gelbert before beginning his own practice. Edwards' work with landowners is equally spread among growers of hardwood and pine.

Dan Edwards, RF # 612

New Registrants

Since May 2011, 18 new Registered Foresters have been added to the roster. They are:

John Greene	RF # 1697
Timothy Respass	RF # 1698
Thomas Rudd	RF # 1699
David Thompson	RF # 1700
John Catlin III	RF # 1701
Philip Mead	RF # 1702
James McElveen	RF # 1703
Jon Shaffer	RF # 1704
Samuel Ardrey	RF # 1705
Mosely Coleman	RF # 1706
Joseph Currie	RF # 1707
J. Thomas Joshnson	RF # 1708
Harry Morrison III	RF # 1709
Harry Morrison IV	RF # 1710
Raleigh Lloyd	RF # 1711
William Whitaker	RF # 1712
Justin Morris	RF # 1713
Clayton Altizer	RF # 1714

Forester Examinations

The most recent examinations for registration were given on August 22, 2011 in Morganton and on February 3, 2012 in Greenville. Fifteen applicants took the examination in August and 12 in February. The results are provided below:

	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
August 22, 2011		
Level 1 Exam	1	3
Level 2 Exam	10	1
February 3, 2012		
Level 1 Exam	1	1
Level 2 Exam	6	4

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

<http://www.ncbrf.org/apply.htm>

The Board offers both examinations twice a year. The next examination will be offered Monday, August 13, 2012 Burke County Ag. Building, Morganton, NC. Please check the Board's website (<http://www.ncbrf.org/>) for more information on taking the exam.

Registered Forester Exam Preparation Course Offered by FEOP

The Forestry and Environmental Outreach Program (FEOP) at NC State University offers exam review sessions for the NCBRF exam. The next session will be prior to the August exam. Details will be available at: <http://www.ncsu-feop.org/programs.html>

Please help spread the word about these sessions and future prep courses offered by FEOP.

Registration By the Numbers

The number of Registered Foresters now totals 946. Two hundred and ninety-four of those are Consulting Foresters.

CFE Audit Results

The Board completed its fifth audit of continuing education classes attended by Registered Foresters. The Board selected three CFE courses for audit and cross-referenced the attendance records provided by the course sponsors with the CFE credit reports submitted by RFs at the time of renewal. Once again, there was 100% compliance.

The Board will continue to monitor compliance with CFE credit reporting in an effort to maintain the integrity of the CFE requirement.

Continuing education courses play an important role in helping RFs remain current in forestry training and technology. A wide variety of courses, schedules, and price ranges are currently available to meet the CFE requirement. With a little prudent scheduling, everyone should be able to take relevant courses, and not courses taken at the last minute just to meet the renewal deadline. Remember, these requirements benefit all Registered Foresters and the people we serve. Take it seriously and don't risk disciplinary action by the Board by trying to circumvent the system.

Expired Registrations
(Effective January 1, 2012)

Listed below are the names of 31 individuals whose registrations expired June 30, 2011. Some of these individuals have retired, while others have changed careers, or moved. Some have allowed their registrations to lapse for failing to meet the CFE requirements. These individuals can no longer legally represent themselves as foresters or consulting foresters in North Carolina.

James Avent	Robert Moorman
Travis Cork III	Thomas Newsome
Marc Davison	Neil Owens
John Deans	James Quattlebaum
Joseph DiModica	Terry Ramsey
Michael Fernandez	Harry G. Rhodes, Jr.
John Filer	Keith Snead
Joseph Floyd	Karl Steinbeck
Erickson Harrell	Timothy Stephenson
Selby Hawk	Al Sturgis, IV
Craig Lantz	Jeffrey Watts
John Little	Frank West, Jr.
James Lofton	Nathan Williams
Daniel McInnis	Stephen Williams
Gary McMahan	Michael Windhorn
James Mitchell	

Electronic Mailings

The Board wants to strongly encourage all Registered Foresters to receive this Newsletter and all other information via e-mail rather than postal mailings. By providing the Board with your current e-mail address, the Board can save postage and printing expenses. If you receive a printed version of this newsletter, it means the Board does not have a current e-mail address for you. Please consider providing the Board with your e-mail address and be sure to let us know when your e-mail address changes. Your assistance will help the Board reduce its expenses. The dollar we save is yours!

Links for Continuing Education Classes

Below are links to find classes to obtain CFE hours. Please do not wait until the last minute to earn your CFE's. **You have until June 30, 2012.** (So that means that you have about four months to earn 10 hours of CFE's, if you haven't already earned them.)

SAF - <http://www.safnet.org/education/>

APSAF - <http://www.apsaf.org/>

NCSU - FEOP - <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/feop/>

Webinars - <http://www.forestrywebinars.net/>

Renewal forms for June 30, 2012 Renewal

Renewal Forms are on line now. They can be found at: <http://www.ncbrf.org/renew.htm>

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.

<http://www.ncbrf.org>

E-mail address info@ncbrf.org

We invite all RFs to take advantage of the information and forms available on the website.

We want to encourage all Registered Foresters to be advocates for a strong forestry profession.

If the Board or its members can be of assistance, please contact them directly or through the Board office.