



RANDOM PLOTS



NEWSLETTER
of the
NC STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
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Annual Renewal Fee Notice

Your current registration expires June 30, 12. 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, 2012**.

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.)

Registration Cards

Just a reminder that the Board, will provide a registration identification card for your wallet only if you request one, please check the box on the annual renewal form indicating your choice. The RF Identification cards will be mailed out the **middle of July 2012**. (This is a change based on administrative rule 21 NCAC 20.0190, stating that a card will be "issued upon request".)

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] each year. At least six hours of CFE credits must be SAF Category 1. The remaining four hours can be SAF Category 1, 2, or 3. These hours must be earned during the fiscal year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 12. Retired foresters who want to remain registered must obtain at least 3 hours per year. **RFs are required to submit their CFE credits when they renew their registration.** Any CFEs earned prior to July 1, 2011 cannot be used toward the June 30, 2012 requirement.

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.

As mentioned in the previous "Random Plots" newsletter, the NC Board of Registration for Foresters 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, or ApSAF. The NC Division contact for CFEs is currently Ed Pomeroy. You can reach him by email 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>).

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 1, 2012 in Belhaven, NC.

Board Exam

The next Registered Foresters exam will be given on August 13, 2012 in Morganton, NC.

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 one month remaining 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.ncbfr.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.

North Carolina
REGISTERED FORESTER
ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE NOTICE & FORM

Your current registration expires on June 30 this year and will become invalid unless you submit the renewal fee of **\$40.00 (forty dollars)**. Please renew your registration by doing the following:

1. Fill in the appropriate blanks on the renewal form to provide correct information for the *Roster of Registered Foresters*.
2. Check the mailing information, make corrections if needed and return it with the renewal form. You should notify the Secretary any time your address changes. Failure to do so may prevent receipt of information affecting your RF status.
3. Please enter any personal information you wish to communicate on the back of this form or on a separate sheet.
4. Please check the employment category(s) which best describe your activity and any other valid certifications, registrations and/or memberships.
5. Please include your **CFE Activity Record** with this form. **This Activity Record must be included for your application to be valid.**

SPECIAL NOTE: If you purport to be a *Consulting Forester/Forestry Consultant* practicing in North Carolina, you must meet the qualifications as defined in N.C. General Statute 89B-, 89B-2 and you must provide annually with your Registration Renewal the required affidavit attesting to such qualification. An affidavit form will be sent to you upon request if needed. Currently registered CFs should receive the proper form with this renewal request.

N. C. REGISTERED FORESTER ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM

Return the completed renewal form with your check in the amount of **\$40.00 (forty dollars)** payable to the **State Board of Registration for Foresters, P.O. Box 27393, Raleigh, N.C., 27611 (E-mail: info@ncbrf.org)**. Regulations assess a late fee penalty of \$3.25 per calendar month from the date of expiration. The Board, at its discretion, may require late renewals to re-register in the same manner as new applicants.

RF # _____ (Please check, highlight, or otherwise denote any changes from information you provided last year)

Name: _____
(Print Last Name First)

Home _____
(Address) _____ Phone # _____

Employer: _____ Position: _____

Business _____
(Address) _____ Phone # _____

Send Mail to: () Home () Business E-Mail Address: _____

Employment Categories:

- | General : | Specific: | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| () Public Agency | () Federal | () State | () Local | () _____ |
| () Educator | () University | () Technical | () Preparatory | () _____ |
| () Industry | () Management | () Procurement | () Administrative | () _____ |
| () Private | () Consultant | () Full Time | () Part Time | () _____ |
| () Retired | () Real Estate | () Bank/Trust | () Investment | () _____ |
| () Other (describe) _____ | | | | |

I would like a printed registration card (to be mailed out the middle of July)

Professional Certifications, Registrations

- () RF Registered Forester/Licensed Forester (List States) >> _____
() CF Consulting Forester/Forestry Consultant (As defined by NC Statute / Affidavit)
() SAF Society of American Foresters
() ACF Association of Consulting Foresters
() Other _____

Additional Comments:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
Date Paid _____
Deposit # _____

North Carolina State Board of Registration for Foresters Continuing Forestry Education Personal Activity Record

Rule **.0123 CONTINUING EDUCATION** reads as follows:

- (a.) All registered foresters shall attend continuing education courses annually to maintain their registration. **Ten** CFE (Continuing Forester Education) credits approved by the Society of American Foresters' CFE Coordinator shall be required each year, except as outlined in paragraph (c.). CFEs must be SAF category 1, 2, or 3, with at least six being from category 1*.
- (b.) Registered foresters shall verify CFE compliance to the Board with each annual renewal.
- (c.) Those registered foresters who provide information to the Board which verifies that they are fully retired from a career in forestry may qualify to continue their registration by earning a minimum of three category 1, 2 or 3 CFEs annually.

*Category 1 designation includes attending educational forestry related workshops

This form must be filed with your fiscal year 2012-2013 annual renewal, due June 30, 2012. A copy of the CFE Contact Hours Notice (Category 1 credits ONLY) MUST be submitted with this form.

Name (please print): _____
Registration # _____

Course/Program Name	Sponsoring Organization	Date(s) Attended	Contact Hours	SAF Category

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that the reported courses directly relate to enhancing my professional knowledge and competence. I understand that any and all credit is subject to verification by the North Carolina State Board of Registration for Foresters. **I agree to retain all documentation relating to the above programs for a period of two years.**

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

**STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
AFFIDAVIT**

**NORTH CAROLINA
CONSULTING FORESTER / FORESTRY CONSULTANT**

I, (Name) _____, acknowledge the qualifications and requirements that must be met to practice as a Consulting Forester / Forestry Consultant in North Carolina as defined in G.S. 89B, 89B-2.

I do solemnly swear (affirm) I meet the following specific requirements for Consulting Forester/ Forest Consultant in North Carolina:

- A. I am Registered Forester # _____ in the State of North Carolina. My registration is current.
- B. I graduated from (university/college) _____ in the year _____ having earned a (BS),(BF) (Other > _____ degree in (curriculum) _____
- or -
- I have shown equivalent knowledge by successfully passing the written examination administered by the North Carolina State Board of Registration for Foresters in the year _____.
- C. I have read and am governed by the Code of Ethics adopted by the State Board of Registration for Foresters.
- D. I am competent to practice forest management, appraisal, development, marketing, protection, and utilization for the benefit of the public on a fee, contractual, or contingency basis.
- E. I am not engaged and will not engage in any practice that constitutes a conflict of interest, including the procurement of standing merchantable timber, or in any way diminishes my ability to represent the best interests of my clients.
- F. I herewith acknowledge the requirement to file this annual affidavit with the State Board of Registration for Foresters, attesting to my compliance with the conditions of this Chapter.

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (AFFIRM) THAT I WELL AND TRULY MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS DEFINED IN G.S. 89B AND G.S.89B-2; TO PRACTICE AS A CONSULTING FORESTER / FORESTRY CONSULTANT IN NORTH CAROLINA; AND THAT I WILL PERFORM SAID SERVICES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO THE BEST OF MY PROFESSIONAL SKILL AND ABILITY.

Signature

(Print Name)

(Business)

(Address)

(City) _____ (Telephone)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this
the _____ day of _____, 2012

(SEAL)
Notary Public
Notary Expiration Date _____