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Welcome New Board Member

The Board welcomes Sean Brogan, who replaced Larry Such this past year. Sean has degrees from SUNY-ESF in Syracuse and NC State. He has been with the NC Forest Service since 1998, currently functioning as its Director of Forest Management and Development. He is a proud Certified and Registered Forester, and is looking forward to serving.

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, 2013 and June 30, 2014. 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, 2013, cannot be used to satisfy the June 30, 2014 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.

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!

Renewal forms for June 30, 2014 Renewal

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

Reminder notices will be sent out prior to the June 30, 2014 renewal date. Renewal information is due in our office by June 30, 2014. Please don't wait until the last minute to earn your 10 hours of CFE's.

Editor's Corner

What distinguishes North Carolina's Registered Foresters and the associated process of maintain credentials? Professionalism is the one attribute that sets a Forester apart. Let our work product stand out, along with the quality of our advice and the truthfulness which we include in our communication. Our experience and knowledge are important, so let's all share sound forestry advice with the public. And along the way, let us conserve those special areas that perhaps even the landowner never sees, not because we have to, but because a Forester is often in the best position to do so. Spring is around the corner, hang in there!

New Registrants

Since June 2013, 14 new Registered Foresters have been added to the roster. They are:

Adam Listerman	RF # 1731
Brendon London	RF # 1732
Paul Mowery	RF # 1733
Kelly Oten	RF # 1734
Benjamin Webster	RF # 1735
Aaron Chamblee	RF # 1736
Corey Gillespie	RF # 1737
Kenneth Leary	RF # 1738
Jonathan Murray	RF # 1739
Stephen Smith	RF # 1740
Joshua Steiger	RF # 1741
William Byrum	RF # 1742
Richard Davis	RF # 1743
Casey Phillips	RF # 1744

Forester Examinations

The most recent examinations for registration were given on September 10, 2013 in Morganton and on February 22, 2013 in Greenville. Twenty applicants took the examination in September and 19 in February. The results are provided below:

	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
September 10, 2013		
Level 1 Exam	0	1
Level 2 Exam	6	13
February 22, 2013		
Level 1 Exam	1	1
Level 2 Exam	11	5

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 Thursday, March 27, 2014 in the Pitt County Ag. Building, Greenville, NC. Please check the Board's website (<http://www.ncbrf.org/>) for more information on taking the exam.

Registration By the Numbers

The number of Registered Foresters now totals 909. Two hundred and eighty of those are Consulting Foresters.

CFE Audit Results

The Board completed its seventh 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 February 1, 2014)

Listed below are the names of individuals whose registrations expired June 30, 2013. 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.

Matthew V. Armstrong	George V. Lloyd
Gary R. Beacher	John Thomas Marshall
David O. Cannon	James R. McGraw
John "Jack" B. Catlin III	John W. Monroe
Remer D. Clifton	L. Brian Morris
Blakely C. Dahlem	Joseph Bert Noble
Stephen M. Daniels	Michael S. Oliver
Charles B. Davey	Kirk P. Pelland
Amanda N. Fisher	Travis D. Perry
William E. Gardner	Kenneth A. Pollock
David B. Goldston, Jr.	Thomas S. Rhyne, Jr.
R. Larry Greene	E. Robert Rowell, III
Antony C. Gunter	Larry J. Such
Richard L. Hollis	Charles Donald Webb
Colby D. Jernigan	Doyle M. Webber
Alexander L. Johnson	James H. Wheless
G. Clarence Joyner	Kevin E. Williams
Robert L. Keels	Barry L. Wilson, Sr.

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, 2014.** (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/>

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@ncbfr.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.