



# RANDOM PLOTS



## NEWSLETTER

of the

### N. C. STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

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#### Welcome New Board Member

The Board welcomes Tom Foxx, who replaced Miriam Brown this past year. Tom resides in Watauga County. He is a graduate of UNC-CH and is a former Chief Planner with the Division of Community Assistance. Tom is now retired from owning and operating a nursery and Christmas tree farm. Most of his farm is now devoted to forestry.. "It is a blessing to have this opportunity to serve the industry."

#### Chairman's Corner

Over the last several months, the Board has been very involved with responding to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee. The December report recommended further review of and possible elimination of the Board. On Wednesday, January 21, the Board was given an opportunity to address the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee in Raleigh during their meeting. Our allotted time was brief and we presented our arguments to retain the Board in the current independent form. The Division referred the Program Evaluation Division's report and our response to the Legislative Oversight Committee. This December report had recommended further review of and possible elimination of the Board. Overall, the day went well. We spoke to several Senators and Representatives. Senator Stan Bingham expressed support for the Board and Registered Foresters in general during his open remarks. Pryor Gibson of NCFSA and his staff were very helpful in securing the opportunity for the Board to speak, which was only given to several Boards. We appreciate these kind words and actions. Several Registered Foresters and landowners wrote letters of support which were made part of the meeting's public record. There may not be immediate action by the legislature, but we will stay abreast of any threats.

#### Renewal forms for June 30, 2015 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, 2015 renewal date. Renewal information is due in our office by June 30, 2015. Please don't wait until the last

minute to earn your 10 hours of CFE's. Continuing Education must be earned after July 1, 2014 and by June 30, 2015.

#### 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, 2015.** (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/>

#### New Registrants

Since June 2013, 17 new Registered Foresters have been added to the roster. They are:

Thomas Adkins	RF # 1755
Joshua Bell	RF # 1756
Aaron Boyd	RF # 1757
Charles Cheston	RF # 1758
Austin Harriett	RF # 1759
Thomas Jones	RF # 1760
Rodney Patterson	RF # 1761
Ty Gay	RF # 1762
Edward Hull, Jr.	RF # 1763
Brad Miller	RF # 1764
Michael Powell	RF # 1765
Victor Wassack	RF # 1766
Matthew Allen	RF # 1767
Corey Flowers	RF # 1768
Clay Folk	RF # 1769
Nathan Rutherford	RF # 1770
Matthew Webb	RF # 1771

### **Forester Examinations**

The most recent examinations for registration were given on August 14, 2014 in Morganton and on March 27, 2014 in Greenville. Ten applicants took the examination in August and twenty in March. The results are provided below:

	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
August 14, 2014		
Level 1 Exam	0	0
Level 2 Exam	5	5
March 27, 2014		
Level 1 Exam	1	0
Level 2 Exam	13	6

### **Registration By the Numbers**

The number of Registered Foresters now totals 905. Two hundred and eighty-one of those are Consulting Foresters.

### **Expired Registrations** **(Effective February 1, 2015)**

Listed below are the names of individuals whose registrations expired June 30, 2014. 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.

Jacob Almond	Steven Meadows, Jr.
K.C. Beavers, III	Jason Moan
Warren Boyette	Graham Moore
Randy Cass	Stephen Newcomb
David Combs	Dennis Norton
Michael Cusimano	Neil Owens
John Formy-Duval II	Gregory Pate
Aaron Gay	James Schlenker
David Green	John Shipley
Thomas Greene	Charles Sibley
Thomas Haene	John C. Smith, Jr.
Larry Hawley	Charles Stevenson
Thomas Huffman	Kenneth Thompson
Paul Kiker	Thomas C. Thompson
Tom Lassiter	Larry Tucker
Chris Liv	Erick Welker
Walter Mallard	Matthew Williams
Eddie McWhirter	

### **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.