

Forestry Principles and Practice: Guides for the Challenges of Managing Forest Land in the 21st Century

Agenda

Day One – Thursday September 22, 2011

- 8:00 **Registration opens**
- 8:30 **Welcome and Invitation to Introduction Circles** (a Forest Guild tradition)
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation
Mike Debonis, Forest Guild Executive Director
Bob Perschel, Forest Guild Eastern Forests Director
- 8:35 **Introduction Circles:** Small groups of 10-12 break out to discuss what brings them to the field of forestry.

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- 9:30 Ross Morgan, Forest Guild Founding Member, Consulting Forester
- 10:00 Rick Morrill, Member Forest Guild Board of Directors, Resource Manager Baxter State Park, Scientific Forest Management Area,
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 **Excellent Forestry: Beyond Economy and Ecology**
What deeper meanings are served by this Good Work and why does it matter?
Steve Blackmer, Former president, Northern Forest Center; currently master's degree candidate in Religion and Ecology, Yale Divinity School
- 11:15 **Open Discussion:** Morning Speakers and Audience
Moderator: Bob Perschel, Forest Guild Eastern Forests Director
- 12:00 Lunch

Forest Biomass: Does it help mitigate atmospheric carbon?

- 1:30 **Lessons from the Manomet Carbon and Forestry Study in Massachusetts**
John Gunn, Senior Program Leader, Natural Capital Initiative, Manomet Center for Conservation Services
- The Southeast Carbon and Forestry Study: Biomass carbon accounting**
Andrea Colnes, Policy and Development Director, Biomass Energy Resource Center

- 2:00 **Forest Guild Forest Biomass Retention and Harvesting Guidelines for the Northeast and Southeast**
Bob Perschel, Director Eastern Forests, Forest Guild
- 2:30 **Afternoon Breakout Sessions**
Participants will have a choice of 3-5 breakout sessions including sessions with morning and afternoon speakers. Breakout sessions offer an opportunity to explore topic areas more deeply through direct conversation with presenters.
- 4:00 Break
- 4:15 **Forest Guild Northeast Region Business Meeting**
- 5:15 **Softball, recreation activities**
- 7:00 **Dinner**

Day Two – Friday September 23, 2011

Participants will have the opportunity to visit local forest lands to view and discuss a variety of biomass harvests. We will see implementation of [Forest Guild Forest Biomass Retention and Harvesting Guidelines](#) and discuss applicability, practicality, and assessment of retention across harvest and stand types. Transportation will be provided to and from field sites.

- 7:00 **Breakfast**
- 8:00 **Leave camp Ohana.**
- 8:45 **Arrive at first site – Tucker Mountain Forest Newbury, Vermont**

Participants will tour a recent whole-tree logging operation (summer 2011) managed by Guild Forester Jeff Smith where we will have a brief discussion about the objectives of the project, the equipment choices and other considerations. We'll visit sites where the logging was done using a typical approach employed by Jeff as well as an area where the Guild biomass retention guidelines were followed more rigorously. Leave by 11:30

- 12:00 **Arrive at the second site – The Bunten Farm Orford, New Hampshire**

Here we will have a lunch prepared mostly with products grown or made on the Farm which has a herd of rare Devon milking cows (a historic breed). Following lunch will investigate a whole-tree harvest that took place this past winter. The cutting was done in response to a regional wind event that blew down many acres of trees on the property and on neighboring lands. We will evaluate the impacts of the harvest which was done without the benefit of a forester and with little consideration for the retention of forest structure. Leave by 2:00

2:30 Arrive at the third site – The Frost property Thetford Center, Vermont

At this stop Guild forester Ehrhard Frost will walk the group through his property to consider sites that were cut using roundwood logging systems. We'll discuss the choice of equipment and look at the results. An open discussion period will end the tour. Leave site by 3:45

4:00 Arrive back at Camp Ohana

Continue Education credits will be available. Contact Bob Perschel for more information.