

2010 NATIONAL MEETING PROGRAM

Forest Restoration and Management: Leadership through Stewardship

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

3:00-7:00 pm **Registration Open**

5:00-7:00 pm **Booth Set-up**

Thursday, June 17, 2010

7:30 am **Registration Opens ~ Banquet level, California Room**

8:30 am **Welcome to the 2010 Forest Guild Meeting**

- Mike DeBonis, Executive Director, Forest Guild

9:00 am **Opening**

- Rich Harvey, Deputy State Forester, NV Division of Forestry
- Del Walters, Director, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

9:30 am **Plenary**

Gary Gero, President, Climate Action Reserve

An overview of the CAR Forestry offset protocol, active projects, and current and future opportunities for foresters.

10:15 am **Break ~ Banquet Level Alcove between CA/NV Rooms**

10:45 am **Introduction Circles ~ Cal Neva resort grounds**

A Forest Guild tradition and opportunity to introduce yourself and let others know why you do what you do.

11:30 pm **Lunch (provided) ~ Pool Patio**

1:00 – 2:30 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1 – Carbon and Climate Change: policy, sustainability, and technical tools for managers ~ California Room, North

Learn about national and California carbon policy and how forests are being managed in a carbon constrained world.

- Paul Mason, Pacific Forest Trust
- Eric Holst, Environmental Defense Fund

Session 2 – Woody Biomass: policy, sustainability and harvesting guidelines *~ California Room, South*

Find out about the carbon implications of woody biomass removal, estimates of sustainable supply, and biomass opportunities for forest managers.

- David Saah, Spatial Informatics Group
- Andrea Colnes, Biomass Energy Resource Center
- Bill Stewart, University of California at Berkeley
- Bob Perschel, Forest Guild (Moderator)

2:30 pm **Break** ~ *Banquet Level Alcove between CA/NV Rooms*

3:00 – 4:30 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 3 – Woody Biomass: current and emerging technologies for removal and utilization ~ *California Room, North*

Explore new technologies in biomass harvesting and utilization and how emerging markets impact forest management.

- Gareth J Mayhead, University of California at Berkeley, Forest Products
- Bill Leavy and Mary Shulenberger, Renewable Fuel Technologies
- Han Sup Han, Humboldt State University
- Zander Evans, Forest Guild (Moderator)

Session 4 – Silviculture and Management: Fire and Water ~ *California Room, South*

Learn about different approaches to managing for ecosystem services with examples from the east and west coast.

- Christopher Riely, Providence Water
- Mike Hogan, Integrated Environmental Restoration Services
- Elwood L. Miller, Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team
- David Jaramillo, Whole Earth Forestry (Moderator)

4:30 pm **Concurrent Session Report Out** ~ *California Room*

6:30 pm **Dinner** (*provided*) ~ *Indian Room*

8:00 pm **Membership Meeting** ~ *California Room*

Friday, June 18, 2010 ~ *California Room (all day)*

7:30 am

Registration

8:30 am

Welcome Address

- Terri Marceron, Forest Supervisor, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

9:00am

Opening

- Mike DeBonis, Forest Guild
- Eric Holst, Environmental Defense Fund

9:30 am

Break

10:00 am

**Panel 1 – Forest Restoration and Management:
latest research on wildlife, fire, and hydrology**

- Malcolm North, USFS PSW Research Station
- Kevin O’Hara, University of California at Berkeley
- Brandon Collins, US Forest Service

11:30 pm

Lunch (*provided*)

12:30 pm

**Panel 2 – Silviculture in Practice: lessons learned and current
efforts from public, private, and indigenous land managers**

- Jay Francis, Collins Pine
- Bob Ryneerson, W.M. Beaty and Associates

2:00 pm

Break

2:15 pm

**Panel 3 – Forest Restoration and Management in the Sierras:
can we find policy consensus?**

- Craig Thomas, Sierra Forest Legacy
- David Bischel, CA Forestry Association
- Lynn Jungwirth, Watershed Research and Training Center
- Jim Branham, Sierra Nevada Conservancy (Moderator)

3:45 pm

Wrap up and Summary

- Jim Branham, Sierra Nevada Conservancy

5:00 pm

Social Hour ~ *Pool Patio*

6:30 pm

Dinner (*provided*)

8:00 pm

Silvicultural Showcases ~ *California Room*

Saturday, June 19, 2010

7:00 am **Registration, Coffee and Pastries ~ *California Room***

8:00 am **Buses Depart on Field Tours** (*choose one of two options*)
Lunch (*provided*)

Tour 1 - Fire and Fuels Management

Desired outcome: See an all-lands approach to treatment activities on multiple land jurisdictions within the Tahoe basin. Field visits include the Angora Fire burn area. WUI fuels treatment projects, and treatments for managing wildlife and water quality.

8:10 Load buses, travel to Village Drive turn out for parking

8:30 Stop One - *Village Drive Urban Lot fuels treatment stop*

60 minutes Introduction to fuels treatment in the basin

Speaker Norb Szureck - North Lake Tahoe Fire Department

Points to make:

- Working together through multiple jurisdictions
- Funding and support for projects
- History of fuels treatments in Incline Village
- Issues for fuels treatment in the basin (sensitive areas, overlapping regulation, limited season, public scrutiny), urban lots
- Hand treatments and prescribed fire

Leave at 9:30. Travel to South Shore USFS LTBMU Supervisor's office

10:30 Stop Two - *USFS overview of Angora fire (and bio-break)*

30 minutes Angora Fire overview

Speaker Steve Burns, Assistant Fire Management Officer

Power Point presentation

Leave at 11:15 travel to Boulder Mountain

11:30 Stop Three - *Boulder Mountain stop*

30 minutes Post Angora fire treatments

Speaker David Fournier, USFS Assistant Vegetation Management Officer

Points to make:

- USFS restoration process, suppression rehab, urban lot tree removal, roads and trails, long term EIS

12:00 Lunch Boulder Mountain

12:30 Stop Three continued - *Boulder Mountain*

15 minutes Long - term Monitoring

Speaker Susie Kocher - University of California Cooperative Extension Natural Resource Advisor, Judy Clot - California Tahoe Conservancy Forestry Program Coordinator

Points to make:

- CTC post fire treatment and monitoring project

15 minutes Community Involvement in Reforestation
Speaker Joy Barney, USFS Conservation Educator, Angora fire stewardship project
Points to make:

- Collaboration with local Resource Conservation Districts
- Integration of Project Learning Tree training, Trees are Terrific Week in the schools, and service learning project for tree planting
- Use of fines, National Forest Foundation grant for work

1:00 *Drive to Shoshone Street*

1:15 **Stop Four - Shoshone Street stop**

60 minutes USFS Angora pre-fire treatments

Speaker David Fournier - USFS Assistant Vegetation Management Officer,
Duncan Leao - USFS Vegetation Planner

Points to make:

- Area treatment took place, effects of fire on the community
- Pre fire treatment effectiveness
- Post fire treatments (similar to the Boulder Mountain stops)

15 minutes Defensible space treatments before and after the Angora fire

Speaker Jessica Mahnken, Nevada Fire Safe Council, (Potentially Martin Goldberg?)

Points to make:

- Defensible space treatments before the fire
- Fire Safe Council incentives for homeowner defensible space work

2:30 *Walk back to bus drive to USFS SO for bio break*

3:00 *Depart SO to return to north shore*

Tour 2 – Sierra Nevada Silviculture in Practice – Applied Research in Projects

Experience different approaches to silviculture in mixed conifer systems based on adaptive management priorities. Sites will include ski area fire and water management, fuels reduction on public land, and biomass harvesting and utilization in the wildland urban interface.

8:10 Load buses at CalNeva resort

8:30 **Stop One - Collins Project Site**

60 minutes

Speakers David Jaramillo, Michael Hogan, and Stewart McMorrow

At this stop we will explore portions of the ~ 130 acre project that consists of private, California Tahoe Conservancy, State Parks, and school district lands. We will discuss the unique partnerships associated with the project as well as the challenges of cooperating with several different groups of landownership, including negotiating with adjacent landowners. This site consists of several different methods of removing fuel including; hand crew, mastication, and cut-to-length harvesting. In addition, this project consists of a unique approach to dealing with treating fuels within Stream Environment Zones (SEZ) within the Tahoe Basin. This approach consisted of monitoring and mitigating the unknown affects of pile burning within sensitive watershed areas. We will also discuss how this unique project inspired additional research including school children conducting monitoring on the project.

Leave at 9:30 and travel to the Dollar Hill project site

10:10 Stop Two - Arrive at Dollar Hill Project Site

90 minutes

Speakers David Jaramillo, Michael Hogan, and Stewart McMorrow

At this stop we will explore portions of the ~ 98 acre project that is associated with several different jurisdictions. Participants will be able to witness the dramatic difference between treated and untreated lands around this cut-to-length project area. We will also look at road and creek restoration that was associated with the project.

Leave at 11:40 and travel to Homewood Ski Resort

12:00 Stop Three - Arrive at Homewood Ski Resort

180 minutes, included 60 minute Lunch break

Speakers David Jaramillo, Michael Hogan, and Stewart McMorrow

At this final stop of the tour participants will enjoy lunch overlooking Lake Tahoe from one of its best vantage points. After lunch we will have the opportunity to compare and contrast different logging approaches to meet fuels reduction prescriptions in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). We will also look at some ski run management and stream and road restoration practices. We will also discuss some of the mitigation and monitoring that has taken place at Homewood and other locations in and around Lake Tahoe.

Leave at 3:00 to return to CalNeva Resort

- 4:00 pm (approx.) **Buses Return**
- 5:00 pm **Closing Remarks**
- 6:00 -7:30 pm **Dinner** (*on your own*)
- 7:30 pm **Informal evening activity**