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Forest Guild Announces Second Annual Northeast Regional Meeting

Focus on Carbon and Forestry in the Northeast: Management, Measurements, Markets

Holden, MA – The Forest Guild's second annual Northeast Regional meeting will be held on **Monday and Tuesday, September 10th and 11th, 2007** at Lake Fairlee Camp in Fairlee, VT. This year's conference addresses a complex issue of vital regional interest and concern, **"Carbon and Forestry in the Northeast: Management, Measurements, and Markets."** Climate change and forests are inextricably linked and forested ecosystems in the Northeast may bare the brunt of future regional climate shifts. Fossil fuel combustion, industrial processes, and unprecedented land use change have led to rising levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Guild member David Brynn, Executive Director of Vermont Family Forests acknowledges the dramatic change in the policy debate: "It's no longer a question of if our forests will be tapped. It's now a question of what kind of silvicultural treatments we will use to respond to climate change."

The potential for a carbon credit market for Northeastern forests

The meeting should be of particular interest and value to private landowners who have questions about the potential of the carbon credit market for temperate forests. The two day meeting is open to all landowners, forestry, conservation, and other natural resource professionals, students, and interested members of the general public. Afternoon roundtable discussions will build on these featured topics that spark the morning session of the first day:

- "Managing for Complexity and Carbon Sequestration: Options for Sustainable Forestry" Bill Keeton, Assistant Professor, UVM Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources
- "New England Policies for Carbon: RGGI and the Guild Forester." Guild Northeast Region Director, Bob Perschel.
- "Northeastern Forests in the Global Marketplace" Richard Donovan, Director and Chief of Forestry for Smartwood.

Applying the knowledge in the woods

Following a stimulating day of presentations and roundtable discussions, Day two will be an all-day field tour in the Galusha Hill Forest, with on-the-ground demonstrations and informal exchanges on carbon sequestration in soils, the role of coarse woody material in carbon storage, new research on stand dynamics, and carbon metrics and measures for carbon credits.

Registration forms are available online at the Guild's website
www.forestguild.org/comingevents.html

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The Forest Guild is a national association of professional foresters and associated resource professionals whose mission is to promote ecologically, economically, and socially responsible forestry – excellent forestry – as a means of sustaining the integrity of forest ecosystems and the human communities which depend upon them. The Guild provides training, policy analysis and research to foster a broader community in meeting the challenges of forest conservation and management. The Guild is headquartered in Santa Fe, New Mexico, with regional offices in Massachusetts, California, and Wisconsin.