
SUSTAINING FAMILY FORESTS

April 16-17, 2008 Gainesville, Florida

About the Symposium

America's family forests represent 42% of the nation's forestlands, but they face challenges that threaten the ecological, economic and recreational values of the land. With 45% of the nation's family forest owners located in the South, we are in a unique position to help define the future of these forests. At the 39th Annual SAF/SFRC Spring Symposium leading experts from around the country will discuss a wide spectrum of issues related to sustaining our family forests. The Symposium will provide ideas, tools and information for virtually all of Florida's forest land owners and managers.

The John Gray Lecture will keynote the Symposium and will be presented by Mr. Robert Simpson, Senior Vice President, American Forest Foundation, Center for Family Forests.

Continuing Education Credit

The Symposium will offer Category 1 Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits as authorized by the Society of American Foresters.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Dinner Wednesday night will be hosted by the University of Florida SAF Student Chapter at the UF/IFAS Austin Cary Memorial Forest at 6:00 PM. Dinner is included with your registration.

Agenda

Tuesday, April 15

7 PM-9 PM Exhibit & poster set-up

Wednesday, April 16

8 AM -5 PM Registration, exhibits & posters

9:00 AM Morning refreshments

9:30 AM Introduction

9:45 AM John Gray Distinguished Lecture

America's Family Owned Forests: Under Valued, Under Served, Under Siege

Mr. Robert Simpson, Senior Vice-President, American Forest Foundation, Center for Family Forests, Washington, D.C.

10:45 AM Graduate Student Poster Session

12:30 PM Luncheon

1:30 PM General Session I

Florida's Family Forests: Past, Present and Future

Mr. Charles Bronson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, FL

2:45 PM **Reaching out to Family Forest Owners**

Dr. Brett Butler, Family Forest Research center, USDA Forest Service, Amherst, MA

3:00 PM Refreshment break

3:30 PM

General Session II

The Emerging Carbon Credit Market: The Answer is Blowing in the Wind

Mr. Scott Sager, Environmental Services, Inc., Jacksonville, FL

4:00 PM

Forest Certification: How do Landowners View this Option

Dr. Mike Dunn, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

4:30 PM

Web-Based and Distance Education Opportunities for Landowners

Dr. Bill Hubbard, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

5:00 PM

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6:00 PM

Dinner, ACMF

Thursday, April 17

7:30 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM

General Session III

Family Forest Owner Panel Discussion

10:30 AM

Refreshment break

11:00 AM

General Session IV

Incentives for Wetland Restoration on Family Forests

Tom Gilpin, FL DOF

11:30 AM

Family Forests and Emerging Renewable Energy Markets

Jarek Nowak, FL DOF

12:00 PM

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Registration

The reduced early registration fee is \$125 if payment is postmarked by April 1st, 2008. After April 1st the regular registration fee is \$150. The student fee is \$50 for early or regular registration. The registration fee includes lunch and dinner on Wednesday, breakfast on Thursday, refreshment breaks and Symposium materials.

You may register on the symposium website:

<http://www.flasf.org/>

Non SAF members who attend the Symposium and join SAF within 30 days after the Symposium will have their names entered in a raffle for which the Florida Division of SAF will reimburse you for your first year membership dues. SAF applications can be obtained at the registration desk at the Symposium.

Cancellation and Refunds: Requests for registration refunds will be honored if a written notice of cancellation is received by the Conference Office on or before April 1, 2008. A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from all registration refunds. Sorry, no refunds will be honored for cancellation after this date.

Special Needs: Participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting Dr. Shibu Jose at least 10 working days prior to the conference. He can be reached by phone: (352) 846-0872, or by calling (800) 955-8771 (TDD). The TDD number can only be accessed from within the State of Florida.

Meeting Site & Lodging

The Symposium will be held at the Paramount Hotel located at 2900 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32608. The Paramount is offering a special group rate of \$79 plus tax / night for single or double occupancy. To qualify for the special rate, reservations must be made prior to March 16, 2008. Please call the hotel directly at: (352) 377-4000, fax: (352) 371-1159 to make your reservations and state that you are a Forestry Spring Symposium participant. After the deadline, the discounted group rate and guest room availability are no longer guaranteed. The hotel provides shuttle service to / from the Gainesville Regional Airport.

Additional Information

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