Dear SAF Members,

The Montana State Society of American Foresters invites you to register now for the State Meeting to be held on April 9th-11th, 2015 at the beautiful Lodge at Whitefish Lake, to explore the challenges and issues of “Effective Forest Practices for Today’s Resource Challenges”. The program will be interesting, thought provoking and fun. Plan to attend!

On April 9th, 2015 Tree Farm Inspector Training 10:00am-3:00pm in Kalispell --More info coming in February. If you don’t already receive emails concerning American Tree Farm System, but would like to, contact Angela L. Mallon at Montana DNRC (AMallon@mt.gov).

The evening of April 9th there will be an executive committee meeting at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake. On April 10th, we have a great group of speakers lined up to present issues surrounding “Effective Forest Practices for Today’s Resource Challenges”. Our goal in this meeting is to share what the science is finding as a result of the practices we have enlisted over the last 20 years. Wondering about the effectiveness of Road Obliteration Techniques? The effects of Timber sales on Wildlife Management areas? Future of maximum stand density? These interesting topics and more will be covered in the program.

The Friday evening banquet will include a great meal, awards and excellent entertainment by Jack Gladstone, an award-winning troubadour from Montana's Blackfeet Indian Nation who illustrates Western Americana through the fusion of lyric poetry, music, and spoken narrative. Jack will present “C.M. Russell: Heritage and Legacy“, which explores the role C.M. Russell played in the portrayal of Western American during the early 20th century.

Saturday Morning, UM Forestry Alumni and Friends are invited to attend the University of Montana Alumni breakfast hosted by the College of Forestry & Conservation and Dean Jim Burchfield. This event will allow folks to share breakfast and UM Forestry memories, along with hearing of new happenings and Q&A with Forestry College Dean Burchfield.

The field tour on Saturday will commence at 8:00 a.m. and will include a tour of USFS Creston Seed Orchard and Smart Lam.

Bring your skis, snow shoes, bikes, and golf clubs and stay Saturday and Sunday to enjoy what Whitefish has to offer!

Hotel Room Reservations — Call The Lodge at Whitefish Lake (877-887-4026), or online at www.lodgeatwhitefishlake.com
Group ID is: SAFMT15 Group Password is: WHITEFISH
Reservations must be made by MARCH 15, 2015 for guaranteed room rates ---- $89/night forland
side rooms, $119/night for lake view rooms $89/night with Govt. ID; add tax to all room rates,
single/double occupancy. $10.00 each additional person. Children under 12 stay free.

Register Now
SAF Reserve Reduced Rate Rooms at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake by March 15, 2015
Questions about lodging? Call Rebecca Hendrix (406) 751-2419 or
Rebecca.hendrix@plumcreek.com
(SAF rates are available April 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th for
all participating in the Tree Farm and SAF programs.

FOR THOSE FOLKS who are NOT CURRENTLY SAF
MEMBERS!
If you would like to attend this meeting and are considering joining SAF
$25 OF THEIR REGISTRATION FEE CAN BE PUT TOWARD YOUR SAF
MEMBERSHIP! JOIN TODAY!

PLEASE PASS THE WORD!
Registration Form
Montana Society SAF Meeting 2015

NAME: ___________________________ STREET: ___________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP ___________________________ PHONE _______________________

E-MAIL: (required for pay pal/credit card payment)____________________________

Do you plan on attending the field trip? Yes  No
Do you plan on attending the Tree Farmer Inspection day? Yes  No
Please ensure that your attendance to Tree Farm activity is confirmed with Angela Mallon
AMallon@mt.gov
Do you plan on attending the UM Alumni Breakfast? Yes  No

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Meals

**Friday Luncheon**
Soup, sandwich, garden salad (included with Registration)
Check for vegetarian option

**Friday Banquet**
Seared Chicken breast, garden salad, fingerling potatoes, bacon kale spaghetti squash, and huckleberry cheesecake
$35.00
Check for vegetarian option

**Saturday Field Trip**
Sack Lunch $8.95
Check for vegetarian option

Total Meal Cost
LESS 20% Meal Discount SAF Students -
Meal Cost After Discount

Total Costs = Registration + Meals

Mail/Scan this Registration Sheet and Check to:
Lorrie Woods
Lorrie.Woods@plumcreek.com
PO Box 1990
Columbia Falls, MT  59912

Write Checks to: 2015 MT SAF

For State & Federal Agency Use:
SAF TAX ID # 23—7397217

☐ If paying by credit card, check this box and invoice will be emailed to you (pay pal)
EFFECTIVE FOREST PRACTICES FOR TODAY’S
RESOURCE CHALLENGES

MONTANA STATE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Date: April 9th to 11th, 2015.
Place: The Lodge at Whitefish Lake in Whitefish, Montana.

April 9th: Thursday
TREE FARM INSPECTOR TRAINING
Contact Angela Mallon at Montana DNRC (AMallon@mt.gov)

April 9, - Thursday Evening-
5:00-7:00 p.m. SAF Executive Committee Meeting All SAF members Welcome!
The Lodge at Whitefish Lake
7:00 p.m.: SAF no host gathering at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake. All SAF members Welcome!

April 10, Friday
7:00-8:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee.

8:00-8:45 a.m.: Housekeeping and business meeting: Jason Parke, SAF State Chair.
8:45-9:15 a.m.: Keynote – State of SAF. Bob Alverts, President of National SAF

Soils
M.C. Brian Sugden, Hydrologist, Plum Creek

9:15-9:45 a.m.: Criteria for system road management for the USF Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest- Amy Jensen, USFS Regional Hydrologist

9:45-10:15 a.m.: Effectiveness of road obliteration techniques in restoring functions, Rebecca Lloyd, Soil Scientist, BLM

10:15-10:45 a.m.: Morning Break

Timber Sales in Wildlife Management Areas
Moderator- Bob Castaneda, retired USFS

10:45-11:15 a.m.: Marshall Wildlife Management Area- Jay Kolbe, Biologist, MT FWP

11:15-11:45 a.m.: West Kootenai Wildlife Management Area- Tim Thier, Biologist, MT FWP

11:45-12:15: Mount Hagen Wildlife Management Area- Vanna Boccadori, Biologist, MT FWP

12:15 to 1:30 P.M. – Lunch
12:30: special guest, the honorable Representative Ryan Zinke
Friday Afternoon,

**Forest Vegetation**

M.C. Lorrie Woods, Plum Creek
1:30-2:00 p.m.: Effective Forest Practices for Effective Wildfire Risk Reduction - Rick Trembath, retired USFS

2:00-2:30 p.m.: Past, Present and Future of Maximum Stand density and its use in Stand Management Planning – Mark Kimsey, Research Assistant Professor, Intermountain Forest Tree Nutrition Cooperative, University of Idaho

2:30-3:00 p.m.: From Hills to Mills - What we have learned TBA

**Afternoon Break 3:00-3:30 P.M.**

**Water Works**

M.C. Brian Sugden, Hydrologist, Plum Creek

3:00-3:30 p.m.: Road Erosion and Sediment Delivery in the Southwest Crown of the Continent - Tom Black, Research Hydrologist, USFS

3:30-4:00 p.m.: Fish Movement through Culverts, Phil Peterson / Ryan Simmons, West Fork Environmental

4:00-4:30 p.m.: Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL’s) Developed for Montana Forest Streams, Dean Yashan, TMBL Program Bureau Chief, Montana DEQ

4:30-4:45p.m. Closing Remarks, Jason Parke, President, Montana SAF

**Friday Evening**

5:00-6:00 p.m.: Social Hour and No Host Bar. The Lodge at Whitefish Lake
6:00-6:30 p.m.: Awards
6:30 p.m.: Banquet Dinner and Entertainment provided by Jack Gladstone.

**Saturday Morning:**

6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.: University of Montana Alumni Breakfast

8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.: Field Trip: USFS Creston Seed Orchard, Smart Lam

**CFE CREDITS:**

Attendance is worth 7.5 hours Category 1 C.F.E. Credits. (CFE Hours will be confirmed prior to the meeting)

Tree Farm Inspectors Training is worth 3.0 hours Category 1 C.F.E. Credits. (CFE Hours will be confirmed prior to the meeting)
**FUN Things to Do In the FLATHEAD**

**Spa** – The Lodge at Whitefish Lake - 863-4050 - [www.lodgeatwhitefishlake/spa](http://www.lodgeatwhitefishlake/spa)  15% discount when staying at the lodge.

**Snowshoeing** – The Lodge at Whitefish Lake – 28 acres of Living Wetland Interpretive Nature Trails. Rentals and trail maps available at the Concierge Desk.

**Skiing** - Whitefish Mountain Resort – 862-2900 - [www.skiwhitefish.com](http://www.skiwhitefish.com)

**Mountain Biking/Hiking**

Kuhn’s Refuge Mountain Biking Trails. 444-1200 - [http://www.explorewitefish.com/content/pig-farmskuhns-refuge/](http://www.explorewitefish.com/content/pig-farmskuhns-refuge/)

Whitefish Trail – [www.whitefishlegacy.org](http://www.whitefishlegacy.org)

**Theater** - O’Shaughnessy Center – “Venus in Fur

**Museums**

Central School Museum – 756-8381 - [www.yourmuseum.org](http://www.yourmuseum.org)  Includes a great timber history display.

Hockaday Museum of Art – 755-5268 - [www.hockadaymuseum.org](http://www.hockadaymuseum.org)

**Glacier National Park** - [http://www.nps.gov/glac/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/glac/index.htm)

**Trail Ride** – Bar W Guest Ranch – 863-9099 - [www.barguestranch.com](http://www.barguestranch.com)

**Trumble Creek Educational Forest** - Columbia Falls, MT

[http://flatheadcore.org/local-resources-links/trumbull-creek-educational-forest/](http://flatheadcore.org/local-resources-links/trumbull-creek-educational-forest/)

**Hungry Horse Dam** - [http://www.usbr.gov/projects/Facility.jsp?fac_Name=Hungry+Horse+Dam](http://www.usbr.gov/projects/Facility.jsp?fac_Name=Hungry+Horse+Dam)

**Flathead Lake** – Mo Fisch Charters – 755-4414 - [www.mofisch.com](http://www.mofisch.com)

Wild Horse Island Tours – 837-5617 - [www.wildhorseislandboattrips.com](http://www.wildhorseislandboattrips.com)