

**10th Annual Montana Forest Landowner Conference
and
Society of American Foresters State Meeting
“Montana Forests Past, Present and Future”**

*Clarion Inn Copper King Convention Center
4655 Harrison Avenue, Butte, Montana*

Friday, April 12, 2018

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM ***Business Meeting***
- 7:30 - 8:30 AM ***Registration and Coffee***
- 8:30 - 8:45 AM ***Welcoming Remarks:***
Ed Levert, Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation
Gary Ellingson, Northwest Management, Inc.
Bruce Schlaebitz, Montana Society of American Foresters
- 8:45 - 9:30 AM ***Opening Session:***
Montana Forest Management Past, Present and Future
Jim Peterson, Founder Evergreen Foundation and Publisher of Evergreen Magazine
- 9:30 - 10:00 AM ***Break with Refreshments***
- Morning Concurrent Sessions (Choose one)***
- Session A: Montana’s Forest in Focus Initiative Program and Forest Products Infrastructure***
- 10:00 - 11:00 AM Priority Landscapes, Collaboration and Partnerships, Good Neighbor Authority & Montana’s Forest Action Plan
Sonya Germann, MT DNRC State Forester and Staff.
- 11:00 - 12:00 AM Montana’s Forest Products Infrastructure Past, Present and Future?
Todd Morgan & Steve Hayes, UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research
- Session B: Forest Science***
- 10:00 -11:00 AM Montana’s Forests: Thousands of years of dynamic change in response to climate-disturbance-management interactions.
Dave McWethy, MSU Department of Earth Science
- 11:00 -12:00 PM How Environmental DNA Helps Scientists Monitor Animal Populations
Speaker TBA, USFS National Geonomics Center for Wildlife and Fish Conservation
- 12:00 - 2:00 PM ***Luncheon with Presentation***
Butte History
Chris Fisk, Butte High School History Teacher
- 2:00 PM ***Close Silent Auction***

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions (Choose one)

Session A: Forest Management Assistance on Federal and Private Lands

- 2:00 - 2:45 PM Forest Collaboratives and their Role with National Forest Management
Tim Love, Montana Forest Collaboration Network
- 2:45 - 3:30 PM Financial and Technical Assistance Programs for Private Forest Owners
Jerry Shows, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist
Angela Mallon Wells, MT DNRC Stewardship Program Manager
Dr. Peter Kolb, MSU Extension Forestry

Session B: Weed Management

- 2:00 - 2:45 PM Using Biological Controls to Manage Weeds
Melissa Maggio, Missoula County Weed District
- 2:45 - 3:30 PM Managing Weeds in the Forest Understory
Peter Kolb, MSU Extension Service

- 4:00 - 4:30 PM **Closing Session:**
Closing Comments and Announce Silent Auction Winners

- 5:30 – 6:30 PM **Evening Social and No Host Bar**

- 6:30 PM Evening Banquet Dinner & Presentation by John Ottman on International Hunting Expeditions

Saturday, April 13

Alumni Breakfast, Presentation, Field Trip

- 6:30 – 8:00 AM **University of Montana Alumni Breakfast**
Hosted by **Tom DeLuca**, Dean of Franke College of Forestry and Conservation
- 8:00 AM **Morning Presentation**
Restoration efforts on Butte Silverbow Creek – **Joe Griffin**, retired EPA
- 9:00 – 12:00 PM **Tour of Silverbow Creek – Joe Griffin**
- 12:30 PM **Return to Copper King Motel & Convention Center**