



Dear SAF Members,

The Montana State Society of American Foresters invites you to attend the 2019 State Meeting in Butte, Montana on April 11 – 13th, 2019 at the Clarion Inn Copper King Hotel & Convention Center. The theme of this year's program is "Montana's Forests: Past, Present and Future". This year's conference will be held Jointly with the 10th annual Montana Landowners Conference.

In addition to the State meeting we will be hosting a Noxious Weed Management Technical Workshop on Thursday, April 11, prior the commencement of the 2019 State Meeting. The Noxious Weed Management workshop will focus on common management concerns for foresters and forest land owners (attendance is limited to 35 people). The goal of this workshop is to provide tools and knowledge needed to incorporate sound noxious weed management into forest management plans and prescriptions. Following the workshop and 2019 State meeting we will have an informal social in downtown Butte at the Butte Brewery.

The main program kicks off on Friday, April 12th, with Jim Petersen, founder Evergreen Foundation and Publisher of *Evergreen Magazine*, reflecting on forest community communication efforts and its impact on past, present and future forest. Montana forests will be the common thread through all session topics with lessons learned from past, present and what we might expect in the future. The Friday evening banquet will include delicious food, awards and a presentation by John Ottman, titled "International Expeditions".

A University of Montana Alumni breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 13 with an address by Tom Deluca, Dean of the University of Montana WA Franke College of Forestry and Conservation. A field trip will follow touring environmental restoration of Butte's mining activities along Silver Bow Creek from the Berkley pit to Rocker, Montana east of Butte.

Bring your outdoor gear or relax in historic downtown Butte for the rest of the weekend and enjoy the many activities Southwest Montana has to offer!

To Register for the 2019 MT SAF State Meeting log on to <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=hrvst>.

For Hotel Reservations call Clarion Inn Copper King Hotel and Convention Center at (406)565-5001 Mention that you're attending the *Montana SAF State Conference* to receive a \$95.00 rate for a standard room. (Reservation Code for reserving a room is YX51J1). Montana SAF room Blocks are held until March 20th, so reserve a room today. For additional questions contact Bruce Schlaebitz: (541)290-4788, bruceschlaeb@gmail.com .