

FIELD TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

FIELD TOUR 1

This tour is limited to 36 attendees.

I will attend Field Tour 1 on May 30, 3008.

FIELD TOUR 2

This tour is limited to 25 attendees.

I will attend Field Tour 2 on June 5, 2008

Lunch Choice: Steak Chicken Fish

I plan to carpool from Bangor (please post my name on the MESAF website for riders).

Name: _____

Cell #: _____ (if needed on tour day.)

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Tours ____ x \$35 = _____

Mail the registration form, with your check made payable to **Maine Division, SAF**, to:

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E-mail registrations are accepted, but payment must be received before being added to the registration list.

Registration updates will be posted on our website, mesaf.org, please check availability before sending in your materials.

Credit cards are not accepted.

FIELD TOUR 1

Biomass Harvesting; Enhancing or Depleting our Forest Resource?

*** Friday, May 30, 2008 ***

8:00 Registration: University of Maine, Orono-Steam Plant parking lot

8:20 Bus departs for University Forest

8:40 University Forest: Pre-merchantable Biomass thinning; Alternative technologies for pre-merchantable thinnings. TBA

9:40 Bus departs for Penobscot

11:00 Penobscot, Maine; cut-to-length and feller-buncher harvesting operation; integrating biomass into conventional harvests. Tom Nelson, Vice President, Woodlot Services Division, Prentiss & Carlisle.

12:00 Bus departs

12:30 Lunch stop. Real Estate Development cuts (location TBA); How much is enough? Proposed Biomass Harvesting Guidelines. Jeff Benjamin, Assistant Professor--Forest Operations Science, UMaine.

2:00 Bucksport, Maine. Verso Biomass Plant tours / Biomass harvesting standards group discussions. Jim Contino, Fiber Supply Manager, Verso Paper.

4:00 Return to Steam plant.

Attendees should read the December 2007 Journal of Forestry article by Munsell and Germain, 'Woody Biomass Energy: An Opportunity for Silviculture on Nonindustrial Private Forestlands in New York.' The article can also be downloaded from the national SAF web site: safnet.org

FIELD TOUR 2

Maintaining Working Forests through Conservation Easements: The Katahdin Forest Case Study

*** Thursday, June 5, 2008 ***

6:30 AM Informal carpool at Bangor Odlin Rd. Park & Ride. Travel to Medway.

8:00 AM Meet bus at Irving Station in Medway. *Please leave all personal vehicles here.*

3:30 PM Return to Medway

5:00 PM Return to Bangor

- 1. Overview and company background for Katahdin Forest conservation easement** – Marcia McKeague, CEO, Katahdin Forest Management (KFM)
- 2. Challenges of forest operations under easements** – KFM foresters will show us how the easement framework can affect active operations. We will visit active operations and discuss ways in which landowners and contractors are working to meet the objectives of the conservation easement.
- 3. Dynamic easements for evolving forest management** – The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) Tom Rumpf will lead a discussion of the long-term conservation benefits of easements, the evolving complexities of easements to meet multiple landowner/conservation objectives, and the fee acquisition approach that is often coupled with easements. TNC and others will present conservation funding models to capture easement opportunities.
- 4. Conservation Synergy** – Matt Polstein, New England Outdoor Center, will talk about his ongoing and developing nature-based tourism models and how they benefit from the Katahdin Forest easement. Easements can result in many spin-off benefits for community and economic development.