

2007 Maine Division Fall Meeting
First Class Forestry and Rate of Return

Can we have our forest and cut it too?

EVALUATION FORM

Are you a SAF member?

Yes (57)

No (33)

Program:

Were the topics covered adequately?

- ❖ Yes (40).
- ❖ Yes, all in all.
- ❖ Too many acronyms—spell it out!!—Too much detail on timberland investments. Use the microphones.
- ❖ Ok.
- ❖ Fine.
- ❖ Ethics discussion was great idea, but could have been done better→ more efficiently.
- ❖ Yes—Need better microphone PA system for panel discussions.
- ❖ Found Irving & SWOAM presentations interesting—the TIMOs less so.
- ❖ I do not believe some topics regarding NIPO (small) were adequately covered, i.e. effect on so. ME owners compliments of comp plans, planning boards, state land use laws+why it is difficult to redach (sp??) small land ownerships.
- ❖ Use the microphone.
- ❖ Yes, would be helpful if the slides were made available.
- ❖ Didn't really cover differences in rate of return, but still some good presentations.
- ❖ < > (4)
- Yes (22)
- Generally yes
- Yes, very interesting
- Yes, although we never have enough time it seems.
- Ok (2)
- So so
- Some were
- < blank > (4)
- Meeting needed to be managed better regarding time management; 2. Licensing could have been longer; 3. PM no break due to moderator time management. Perhaps fewer speakers but more in-depth. Good program otherwise.
- Should have had a more final entry to the ethics discussion—needed a couple of messages to the group—it was left hanging. Needed more prep time. Investment companies /types of landowner→ not of interest, thought it was going to be more understandable. JDIrving presentation excellent.
- Would like to have more discussion on Tree Growth Tax.
- Need to use PA system—should not be an option for a guest!

Arrangements:

Were the snacks and lunches adequate?

- ❖ Yes (48).
- ❖ Very well done.
- ❖ Excellent.
- ❖ Very good.
- ❖ Missed it.
- ❖ Yes—especially happy to see the fruit trays!
- ❖ Yes, very good job!
- ❖ Ok.
- ❖ Breaks were good, lunch was fine except for the rotten apple.
- ❖ Lunches should have choice of beverage. Great early break assortment of snacks. Decaf coffee should be available also.

- Yes (26)
- Fine (3)
- Very Good
- < > (2)
- Leave drinks out of lunch box, so folks can choose. No PM break/snacks.

Was the meeting worth the registration cost?

- ❖ Yes (50).
- ❖ Absolutely.
- ❖ Yes—more than worth.
- ❖ Yes, good value for students.
- ❖ Yes—most of the time without use of the microphone—it was hard to hear.
- ❖ Ok.
- ❖ Yes (but I am a SAF member).
- ❖ Yes, a bargain, better than Marden's.
- Yes (22)
- No (4)
- Ok.
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- I do not know.
- Need better sound system.
- < > (2)

Future Meetings

What topics should be covered at a future indoor meeting?

- ❖ Climate change, carbon sequestration, forestry offset projects.
- ❖ What new research is showing that can be used in the field.
- ❖ Same type of subject matter.
- ❖ Landowner estate issues and tax issues.
- ❖ Update on licensing.
- ❖ Tree growth—MESAF can and ought to take leadership role in its interpretation given the ambiguity of it.
- ❖ Combination w/discussion re: cross-border diffs., border sawmills if possible.
- ❖ Spruce budworm—long-term effects and future planning.
- ❖ Conservation ownership issues, eg. Access, harvesting.
- ❖ Zoning laws, how shoreland zone limits may cause people to have to live under hazard trees.
- ❖ Forest certification—where does it fit now.
- ❖ Tree growth tax, shoreland zoning.
- ❖ Licensing follow-up.
- ❖ How do you respond to the public/neighbor on controversial forestry issues.
- ❖ Tree Growth problems.
- ❖ Tree Growth recertification.
- ❖ Forester license—test vs. graduating from SAF accredited 4-yr college—why are we burdening the next generation of foresters.
- ❖ Carbon seq.
- ❖ Marketing forestry GPS/GIS
- ❖ The ethics of consulting foresters working for a % of the stumpage value.
- ❖ Objectives other than timber production, esp. w/regard to small owners; urban forestry programs—what it is & why important, esp. w/regard to small owners—both as ways to ensure land stays as forest/rural interface.
- ❖ Tree Growth and recert.
- ❖ New and alternative fuels from cellulose.
- ❖ Much of the same.
- ❖ When/who will own the north woods in Maine in 20 years.
- ❖ No indoor meeting necessary.
- ❖ Growth—State of Maine forests.
- ❖ Carbon sequestration.
- ❖ How to create laws that force the consumers of forest services to use a LPF.
- ❖ All aspects of carbon issue.

- New lands that have been acquired by the State of Maine and how they are managed.
- Working with conservation organizations—land trusts—forestry language that should be in an easement—if the easement is for forestry, many easements are for agricultural uses.
- Tree Growth Tax Law; rights-of-way(s); American Tree Farm System.
- Harvesting small fragmented private ownerships in a scarce labor world.
- Land trusts, perspective of environ groups now.
- Licensing.
- Estate planning pros+ cons+ hows?
- Shoreland zoning.
- How will the N. American forest products industry stay competitive in the global economy.
- Carbon credits, what does that mean to forestry.
- Land ownership changes—challenges to long-term forestry.
- What's in the future for Maine forestry when the last pulp/paper mill will close?
- Licensing requirements.
- More development of the ethics and tree growth tax issues.

What topics should be covered at future field meetings?

- ❖ Deer wintering areas and forest management.
- ❖ PCT/growth values.
- ❖ New technology in the forest.
- ❖ Cutting edge silviculture.
- ❖ How shoreland zoning laws, local harvesting ordinances limit good forestry.
- ❖ Spruce budworm—is it coming back—what do we do with 30-40 year old thickets.
- ❖ Genetics.
- ❖ Management stops on various ownership types.
- ❖ Current management practices on TIMOs/REITs
- ❖ Carbon seq.
- ❖ Biomass harvesting.
- ❖ Examples of how one can manage 10 acres & make money off of it.
- ❖ Chain of custody integration into Maine manufacturing facilities. Tour of certified manufacturing facility.
- ❖ Intensive silviculture.
- ❖ Land management techniques, tools, photography, GIS, inventory.
- ❖ New logging systems.
- ❖ Are we ready for the return of the budworm?
- ❖ Small woodlots.
- ❖ Non-profits like AMC.
- ❖ Hybrid poplar.
- ❖ Silviculture and equipment to deal with 30 year old SF stands, and budworm implications; harvesting equipment for NIPF ownerships of <25 acres.
- Field trip to Maine owned forest land under active management.
- Small mechanical logging equipment (CTL+FB's forwarders); variations of PCT and planting.
- Softwood windthrow.
- Silviculture tour to see long-term forest mgt results.
- Need or use of FPA—is it good forestry.
- What types of precommercial activities are most effective both in silviculture terms and economic terms?
- Vernal Pools, shoreland issues.
- Compatibility of improvement harvests and biomass production. Is the equipment too big?
- Various silvicultural prescriptions based on landowner objectives.
- Management on conservation easements and/or investment ownerships. Changes after easement put in place.
- Log utilization/marketing.

List any sites/locations you would like to tour at a field meeting:

- ❖ Massabessic Forest in Alfred, Baxter State Park old growth stands.
 - ❖ Red Shield.
 - ❖ Downeast.
 - ❖ Some of JDIrving on ground silviculture management.
 - ❖ This is an excellent location!
 - ❖ Downeast Land Trust Lands.
 - ❖ Bowdoinham.
 - ❖ Rumford, Farmington, Skowhegan area.
 - ❖ Coastal sites might be of interest.
 - ❖ SWOAM Trust lands.
 - ❖ Southern Central Maine.
 - ❖ Robbins Lumber Sawmill, Baxter State Park Forest Management Area.
 - ❖ Northern Maine.
 - ❖ TIMO/REIT landownership management.
 - ❖ Early 1980's budworm sites ready for 1st commercial harvest or next budworm outbreak (Ragmuff?)
 - ❖ Coastal Maine.
 - ❖ Greenville—Millinocket—Bingham – Kl.
- Baxter Park (northern forest management townships).
 - Do not currently work in forestry-related job—although Natural Resources Conservation Service/USDA works with landowners on cost-share programs and would like to do more work with forest owners but with regulations at the federal and state levels it has been quite a process. Many times we are talking with landowners about forestry.
 - Downeast Lakes Trust; Hubbard Brook, White Mtn NF; JDIrving lands; Baxter Forest.
 - Irving land.
 - NIPF's where different mgt regimes have been undertaken.
 - University of Maine Forest; Baxter Park SFMA; SWOAM land trust lands.
 - Western/coastal Maine.
 - Eastern Maine—north to Millinocket.
 - Robbins Lumber/Columbia Forest Products (Presque Isle).

Would you be interested in riding by bus to the 2008 NESAF meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY in late February?

SAF members only: **Yes (17)** No (26) Blank (13) “too early to tell” (2)