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NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

NC FORESTRY MUSEUM LEFT OUT OF SENATE BUDGET

The North Carolina Senate released its proposed budget in the middle of May, and it contains a provision to close the museum. The NCFCA strongly opposes this provision in the Senate's proposed budget and supports the continued funding of the North Carolina Forestry Museum. The Museum plays an important role in educating the public on the historic impact forestry and the forest products industry had on the founding and establishment of our state.

The NCFCA encourages its membership and others interested in preserving our forestry tradition in North Carolina to reach out to your Senator and ask them to maintain the funding for the museum.

Harold Blanchard, the President of the Forestry Museum's Board of Directors, has developed the following talking points on behalf of the museum.

- The NC Museum of Forestry completed a \$2 Million repair and renovation in the fall of 2011.
- Since opening in 2000, the museum is a crucial part of the community and an educational resource for one of the state's underserved regions.
- The museum shares the history of North Carolina forests and forest products tradition through the generous donations of artifacts from citizens across the southeast. The museum is able to preserve and protect history by caring for and storing these artifacts for future generations.
- A fundraising campaign to create the core exhibit, "Our Forest, Our Home," is already underway.
- The museum is valuable to the region's Travel and Tourism industry, bringing thousands of visitors from across the state, nation and indeed, world to the museum, boosting the local economy.
- Four full and three part time positions eliminated will result in a loss of 101 years of combined museum expertise.
- Over 500 groups have used the museum as a meeting place. Non-profit organizations, historical societies and civic groups rely on the museum as a monthly or bi-monthly meeting place.
- Grants from the Waccamaw Chapter of the American Foresters, International Paper and the Town and Country Garden Club are currently being used to develop an Urban Forest on museum grounds.
- The museum is part of 'one campus' with the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, the NC Nature Research Center and the Prairie Ridge Ecostation statewide educational initiatives.
- The museum supports organizations in the surrounding counties reaching thousands of families by participating in numerous outreach programs and events.
- The museum is a NC Environmental Education Center, providing experiential environmental education programs for the public and students of all ages. ■

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CELEBRATES ENVIVA'S FACILITY OPENING IN GARYSBURG



A wide look at the Enviva pellet facility and its woodyard that recently opened in Garysburg, North Carolina. Enviva has another North Carolina facility in Ahoskie. The company plans to ship pellets out of Virginia.

Enviva held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, May 20th to celebrate the opening of its new facility in Garysburg, NC, which is located in Northampton County.

North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory was the special guest and cut the ceremonial ribbon after a brief presentation.

The facility employs 80 full-time position an sources wood from the Northampton County area. The plant runs 24/7 all year and has an annual production for 500,000 metric tons of pellets. The facility ships its pellets to Europe through Enviva's port in Chesapeake, VA. The facility took approximately 10 months to construct.

In addition to Governor McCrory, Dr. John Jones, who is the chairman of the Northampton County Economic Development Commission, John Kepler, who is Enviva's Chairman an CEO, and Robert Carter, who is the chairman of Northampton County Board of Directors, provided remarks on the new facility and the positive impact it will have on Northampton County's economy.

Dr. Jones made the point that Northampton County continues to attract and keep more manufacturing facilities than the national average. He was truly pleased that Enviva chose Northampton County.

Kepler noted during his address that Enviva's strongest market for its product is Europe. The company has long term contracts for the pellets from the Garysburg, Ahoskie and Southampton County, VA, facilities. ■



NC Governor Pat McCrory cuts the ribbon as part of the ceremony held at the new Enviva facility in Garysburg, NC. McCrory (with scissors) was joined by (l-r) John Kepler, Dr. John Jones, and North Carolina Representative Michael Wray.

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DO YOU HAVE A NEWS ITEM?

TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the North Carolina Forestry Association. News items and photographs should be sent to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org.

The NCFA, the state's oldest forest conservation organization, is a private, nonprofit partnership of forest managers, landowners, mill operators, loggers, furniture manufacturers and others that actively promote healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners and forestry-related businesses and organizations that responsibly manage or use forests.

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NCFA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 628

The NCFA spent the past two weeks supporting **House Bill 628, Protect/Promote NC Lumber**. The bill correctly identifies the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard as a discriminatory construction standard that refuses to recognize other certified systems such as the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) that are currently used by North Carolina landowners and manufacturers.

This bill successfully passed by a 70-43 margin (see box). Please take a moment to follow up with your elected official and thank him or her for supporting House Bill 628. The NCFA would like to thank all of its members who took the time to contact their representative to support this legislation on this key issue.

NCFA staff would also like to thank Bob Jordan, President of Jordan Lumber Company, for his op-ed submission that appeared on the Raleigh News & Observer opinion blog.

The bill will now be considered by the Senate. The first step in the Senate for House Bill 628 is the Senate Agriculture Committee. The NCFA's Executive Vice President Bob Schaefer made a formal presentation to the committee on May 28th.

Later that same afternoon, the NCFA participated in a special stakeholders meeting about the bill that brought representatives from both sides of the issue together at the Cardinal Club. The meeting was called by Senator Jackson and the dialogue was healthy.

NCFA members are encouraged to reach out their Senator and ask him or her to support House Bill 628, which is being challenged by members of the concrete and steel communities. The legislation should come out of the Agriculture committee soon so it is important that the NCFA membership stay engaged on this issue.

In other legislative issues, the NCFA is making progress on developing regulatory language with the Department of Transportation that will exempt forestry operations from the Temporary Driveway Permit process as long as an education component has been met by the operator.

In terms of the present use tax program, no bills made the crossover requirement. The NCFA will be supporting including the language from Senate Bill 384, which was sponsored by Senator Michael Walters, into a current agriculture bill.

The Senate rolled out its version of the budget for North Carolina. The Governor had put forth his version of the budget a few weeks back. Now, the real politics begins as the Governor, Senate and House weigh in on the budget for the state in 2014-15. The NCFA will be monitoring these negotiations and provide input to areas that may impact the state's forests and/or forest products industry.

As noted on the front page, the NCFA strongly supports the immediate and future funding for the North Carolina Forestry Museum. ■

COMMENTS PLEASE - STORMWATER PERMIT UNDER REVIEW - NCFA NEEDS YOUR INPUT

The NCFA staff needs your assistance with the formal review of the forest products industry's general permit for stormwater discharges. The North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) revises its general permits every five years. The industry's NCG210000 permit was issued in 2008 and will be renewed in 2013. This permit is issued to fulfill the federal NPDES rules that require stormwater discharges from the forest products industry to be regulated by a permitting program administered by the NCDWQ. The expiration date on the current permit is July 31, 2013. The work on re-issuing the permit is currently underway with a new version to be released and in effect on August 1, 2013.

NCFA needs specific input from its members on the current permit and any suggestions for the new permit. Please forward comments to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org. ■

FEDERAL LEGISLATION INTRODUCED TO ADDRESS FOREST ROADS ISSUE

Congressional leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate introduced the **Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act**, which preserves the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 37 years of success regulating forest roads as non-point sources under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

"We thank our supporters in the House and Senate for introducing bipartisan legislation to restore legal certainty and protect thousands of jobs throughout rural America," said Dave Tenny, NAFO President and CEO. "The Supreme Court ruled last March that forest roads do not require mandatory industrial permits under the Clean Water Act but did not resolve the more fundamental question of whether forest roads are point sources under the law. Today's legislation resolves that question once and for all for federal, state, local and tribal governments, and private forest owners."

The Supreme Court on March 20 reversed a May 2011 ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (NEDC v. Brown) that forest roads used for timber harvest require mandatory CWA industrial stormwater discharge permits typically applied to factories and other facilities. Under an earlier order from the Ninth Circuit, EPA is currently reviewing whether to regulate forest roads as point sources. Plaintiffs have told the Supreme Court and the media they intend to use this process and further litigation to require permits.

Lead sponsors of the legislation include Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Mike Crapo (R-ID), and Representatives Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA) and Kurt Schrader (D-OR). Additional original co-sponsors include: Senators Max Baucus (D-MT) and James Risch (R-ID), and Representatives John Barrow (D-GA), Dan Benishek (R-MI), Sanford Bishop (D-GA), Tom Cotton (R-AK), Jeff Duncan (R-SC), Doc Hastings (R-WA), Jack Kingston (R-GA), Rick Larsen (D-WA), Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), Mike Michaud (D-ME), Collin Peterson (D-MN), Nick Rahall (D-WV), Reid Ribble (R-WI), Terri Sewell (D-AL), Mike Simpson (R-ID), Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA) and Greg Walden (R-OR). ■

EPA EYES COMMENT PROCESS ON FOREST ROADS

The National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) has learned that EPA has drafted an "Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" (ANPRM) concerning forest roads. An ANPRM is a public comment process used by agencies when they are unsure of what they want to propose in a rulemaking but have identified specific issues on which they are seeking public comment. It is the first step towards creating or amending rules.

The proposed ANPRM will apparently suggest the following options to implement the broad range of regulatory and non-regulatory approaches section 402(p)(6) of the Clean Water Act (Phase 2 of the stormwater program).

- assistance to states for their BMP programs.
- Establish minimum criteria for state and tribal land programs and requiring review and certification that programs meet the criteria, and specifying that forest road owners and operators would be in compliance if they operated pursuant to the certified program.
- Require forest road owners and operators to develop and implement a stormwater discharge management plan using BMPs.

Any ANPRM would have to be approved in Washington, DC, and it appears unlikely that will happen before summer. ■

POINT OF VIEW

LEED PROGRAM DISCRIMINATES AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA WOOD - IMPACTING OUR FORESTS, OUR BUSINESS, OUR TRADITION

By Bob Jordan, President Jordan Lumber Company

North Carolina's forest products industry is the state's top manufacturing industry, contributing billions of dollars to our state's economy through the growing, selling, and harvesting of trees for the purpose of manufacturing countless forest products. This industry provides jobs in every county of our great state.

As president of Jordan Lumber Company and a former North Carolina Lieutenant Governor, I understand and appreciate how public policy and private business impact each other on a day-to-day basis. Environmental public policy should be promoted and established that will encourage the sustainability of our forests, not discourage it.

Unfortunately, the LEED (Leadership in Energy Efficiency and Design) building code that currently guides our state's "green building" initiative does just that. It discriminates against North Carolina forests. Developed in Washington, D.C. in 1994, the LEED building code only awards green credits to wood that is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Since FSC recognizes less than 100,000 acres our state forests, this policy undoubtedly provides incentives for the use of wood from outside of our state for any public building projects.

Recently, Lampe & Malphrus Lumber Company, which is located in Smithfield, North Carolina and sells SFI certified southern pine lumber, was denied the opportunity to sell lumber to a construction project for Tryon Palace, our first colonial and state capital building. The wood used for the deck project was imported. It's a shame that a flawed code can hurt a North Carolina business and prohibit locally grown timber to be used in such a special historical site such as Tyron Palace.

The good news is that there is a solution. There are other forest certification programs such as the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) that are popular with North Carolina forest landowners. These certification programs have over 1.2 million acres of forests enrolled in their programs in our state.

House Bill 628, Protect/Promote NC Lumber, has been introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly. It mandates that state government construction projects adopt a building code that treats ATFS, SFI and FSC timber equally. This long overdue measure provides a fair opportunity for North Carolina's private, non-industrial forest landowners and the forest products industry in our state to participate in our state's growth and restoration efforts.

The goal of LEED remains desirable - increasing the amount of sustainable materials in our offices, schools and homes - but the best method to accomplish this is through a fair and competitive process that does not pick winners and losers based on one forest certification program.

When the process is open and equal to all forest certification systems, all North Carolinians will benefit. ■

SLOCUM SCHOLARSHIP EARNS ACTIVE STATUS

The College of Natural Resources is pleased to announce that the Bob Slocum Forestry Communication Scholarship Endowment is now active and will continue to honor the memory of the NCFA's late leader and friend Bob Slocum.

Bob Slocum was the quintessential family man, communicator, forestry advocate and alumnus of North Carolina State University. Slocum graduated in 1973 from North Carolina State University with a Forest Management degree. He started his career as a field forester for the state of Virginia and later served as vice president for forestry policy and research of the American Forest Council in Washington, DC. For 24 years, he served as the Executive Vice President of the North Carolina Forestry Association, where he personally directed the association's legislative efforts at both the state and federal level. Slocum served on the board of the NC State Natural Resource Foundation for several years and was an adjunct professor for NC State's College of Natural Resources.

Slocum died in October 2012. His family established the scholarship to honor his legacy as a communicator and advocate for forestry, his family established this scholarship to encourage foresters to practice effective communication for the benefit of sustainable management of forestlands. The scholarship is funded by contributions made in his honor by family, friends, co-workers, industry leaders and land owners. While the scholarship is now active, you can still contribute to the Slocum Scholarship Fund by mailing a check to: North Carolina State Natural Resources, Foundation, Inc, memo Slocum Fund, Campus Box 8010, Raleigh, NC 27695.

Merit-based awards will be made from this endowment to undergraduate students enrolled the College of Natural Resources at N.C. State University. Awards will be for one academic year and may be renewed based on specific criteria being met. The student must be enrolled in the area of forest management/natural resource management and have an interest in promoting sustainable forest management through various, evolving avenues of communications. ■



Bob Slocum



TRAINING DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2013

There are only a few weeks left for ProLoggers to take the required annual training for 2013, Module 13.

A complete listing of classes is included in this issue and the most up-to-date list is emailed out weekly and posted on the NCFA's website under the ProLogger section.

ProLoggers are encouraged to check with their suppliers on when a class will be held in their area. Companies that are hosting classes are also encouraged to let the NCFA know when and where they are holding classes so they can be updated on the website and newsletter.



A ProLogger signs in for a Module 13 class held at Vance Granville Community College in Louisburg and sponsored by Enviva.

Module 13 Training Calendar

6/4	8:00 AM	Resolute Forest Products, Lancaster, SC
6/6	4:30 PM	Georgia-Pacific Dudley, Dudley
6/6	5:30 PM	Southeastern CC, Whiteville
6/13	5:30 PM	James Sprunt CC, Kenansville
6/25	6:00 PM	Roaring River VFD, Roaring River

If you are hosting a class, please e-mail Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org so your class can be added to this list.

ProLogger Base Class

The Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee has established two dates for the ProLogger base course for 2013.

June 12-14, 2013 at Forsyth Community College in Winston-Salem ■

ARBORGEN PLANTS TREES AT FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL IN PENNSYLVANIA

In April, ArborGen supported the "Plant a Tree at Flight 93" reforestation efforts at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania for the second consecutive year. Led by the National Park Service and the Office of Surface Mining - Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI), over 15,000 seedlings were planted at the memorial. ArborGen forester Geoff Hill, who has exhibited at the NCFA's Annual Meeting on several occasions, led two teams of volunteers from public and private organizations to conduct the work.

"The reforestation efforts and plantings at the Flight 93 National Memorial are a significant undertaking and support from partners such as ArborGen will eventually result in us meeting our objective of planting 150,000 new trees at the memorial," said Jeff Reinbold, superintendent of the Flight 93 National Memorial.

The seedlings were planted during National Park Week over the course of four days, April 19-20 and 26-27, 2013, as part of a major reforestation effort led the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation. These trees, which are a mixture of several native species, will form an essential windbreak to protect trees planted in nearby memorial groves. The plans for the permanent memorial will include 40 Memorial Groves to commemorate the lives of the 40 passengers and crew of Flight 93. Each grove will contain 40 trees, such as Sugar Maple, White Oak, and Elm, for a total of 1,600 trees radiating toward the center of the Field of Honor, measuring one-half mile in diameter and covering over 150 acres. ■



MID-ATLANTIC LOGGING & BIOMASS EXPO - SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2013

The 2013 Mid-Atlantic Logging & Biomass Expo will take place on September 20-21, 2013 in the Smithfield-Selma area. The site will be close to where it was held in 2011. The SLTC will once again be supporting Expo partners North Carolina Association of Professional Loggers (NCAPL), Hatton-Brown Publishers and the NCFA in the hosting of the show. The goal in 2013 is to grow the show beyond equipment dealers to include more exhibitors of outdoors equipment, both recreational and business. ■



**MID-ATLANTIC
LOGGING & BIOMASS EXPO**

SOUTHERN DRY KILN CLUB TO SPONSOR WORKSHOP IN CLYDE

The Southeastern Dry Kiln Club will be sponsoring the 45th Annual Dry Kiln Operator's Short Course conducted by North Carolina State University at Haywood Community College in Clyde, NC on July 16-19, 2013. The lead instructor for the course is Dr. Phil Mitchell, who is an Associate Professor and Wood Products Extension Specialist at N.C. State University.

The short-course will provide practical knowledge about how wood is kiln dried and the scientific background on wood properties and wood processes. The course fee is \$375.

For more information on this course, please contact Doug Burchfield at Haywood Community College in Clyde, NC, at ddburchfield@hawwood.edu or (828) 564-5128. You can register with Rose Harrison at (828) 565-4241 or rharrison@haywood.edu. ■

LOGGING COST ANALYSIS CLASS SET FOR JULY 30-31 IN TIFTON, GEORGIA

The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Continuing Education Course titled, "Logging Cost Analysis," will take place in Tifton, Georgia on July 30-31 and will be taught by Dr. Dale Greene and Dr. Chad Bolding.

The course will cover how to perform real-world logging cost analysis. The instructors will use production and cost records to examine a range of harvesting configurations commonly in use today. The course is aimed at wood dealers, procurement foresters, logging contractors and others who service the timber harvesting industry. For complete information, please go online at:

<http://conted.warnell.uga.edu/courses/lca-tifton> ■

NCASI TO HOST SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING IN TENNESSEE

The National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, Inc. (NCASI) will be holding its 2013 Southern Regional Meeting June 17-19 at The Chattanooga Hotel in Chattanooga, TN. As a part of this meeting, there will be a full day session on "Environmental Issues Surrounding the Use of Forests for Product and Energy" on June 18. The agenda includes presentations on a variety of topics provided by speakers drawn from academia, the forest products industry, regulatory agencies, and NCASI.

Society of American Foresters CFE credits will be offered (pending final approval). For additional information, see the NCASI web site at www.ncasi.org or contact Tracy Stubbs at tstubbs@ncasi.org (phone 352-331-1745). ■

NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	City
Matthew Amick	Albemarle
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Travis Buchanan	Sanford
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William Capehart Sr.....	Windsor
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Dell Copeland	Macon
Cordon & Company LLC.....	Washington
Delph, Clinton.....	New Bern
Down & Dirty Logging, LLC	Wadesboro
Gregory Scott Griggs.....	Wadesboro
Luke Henthorn.....	New Bern
Federico Hernandez	Youngsville
Munroe Jones	Swannanoa
Mary Ellen Kendrick	Cary
Kyle Leary.....	Wadesboro
Ralph M Leggett Jr	Raleigh
Dinah B Mann	Raleigh
Molpus Timberlands Mgmt. LLC	Chadborun
Perry Morris	Vanceboro
Michael Overton	Biscoe
Darren Poplin.....	Wadesboro
Silver Hill Inc.....	Lexington
Smith & Tarlton Logging LLC.....	Wadesboro
Victor Wassack.....	Vanceboro
Dylan Wolfe.....	Morrisville

AG DEPARTMENT TREATING GYPSY MOTH INFESTATIONS IN STATE

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will soon treat a localized gypsy moth infestation in Caswell, Currituck and Rockingham counties in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Foundation. The treatments are anticipated to take place between June 4 and 14, depending on weather conditions and insect development.

Last summer and fall, field monitoring activities at these three locations showed that a reproducing population of the highly destructive gypsy moth exists and represents a threat to deciduous forests at the following locations:

Treatment will focus on disrupting mating patterns. Prior to normal gypsy moth mating periods, low-altitude fixed-wing aircraft will disperse miniature plastic flakes infused with the naturally occurring gypsy moth pheromone. The pheromone saturates the treatment block so that male gypsy moths are not able to follow the natural pheromone scent trails released by the females. This decreases mating success and reduces the gypsy moth population. The pheromone is not harmful to humans, animals or plants, and it will not affect other insect species.

Gypsy moths feed on the leaves of more than 300 different species of trees and shrubs, predominantly hardwoods. When areas become heavily infested, trees may be completely stripped of foliage, leaving yard trees and entire forests more susceptible to attacks from other pests. Severe infestations often lead to tree death, especially of the more favored host species such as oaks.

For more information, including maps and a description of the proposed treatment areas, go to <http://www.ncagr.com/gypsymoth/> or contact NCDA&CS toll free at 800-206-9333. ■

NCFS PROVIDES UPDATE ON COST SHARE

Thanks to the North Carolina Forest Service's Sean Brogan for providing the following summary of the current status of the state's cost-share programs for landowners.

Forest Development Program (FDP)

- 1,006 total projects funded from 7/1/12 to 5/14/13 (totaling \$2,364,857).
- \$1,329,043 used for "Base Fund", which includes among others site prep, planting, and forest stand improvement activities. Some of this was funded by "released" money from older projects. Base Fund waiting list is currently 287 projects for \$1,045,690.
- \$259,070 used for "Mountain Fund". Mountain Fund waiting list is currently 62 applications for \$163,506. \$50,000 of this will be funded with release money before the next fiscal year begins.
- Linda Liles will use approximately \$200,000 in "released" monies to fund backlogged applications the week of May 20th.
- \$776,744 used for "Plant Only" applications. This fund was depleted on 11/9/12 this year.

Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program (SPBPP)

- 113 pre-commercial thinning projects funded since 7/1/12 totaling \$288,690.
- 10 shortleaf and longleaf establishment projects for \$48,092 were funded since 4/1/13.
- Funding still available! (\$500,000)
- No changes to SPBPP pre-commercial thinning practice.
- SPBPP for shortleaf and longleaf site prep/planting started 4/1/13.
- Can't be used for afforestation projects - only sites that were previously pine or pine/hardwood forests that have been cut and are being reforested
- SPBPP has an annual, per landowner maximum reimbursement of \$10,000. This is different than the 100-acre annual, per landowner limit under the FDP Program.
- 1-acre minimum with SPBPP instead of the 5-acre minimum with FDP.
- Utilizing SPBPP for shortleaf and longleaf establishment can free up FDP funding and also get projects funded immediately instead of waiting for the next fiscal year.
- The establishment prevailing rates and percentages paid will remain the same as FDP. For both longleaf and shortleaf planting, cost-shared rates will be 60% of actual cost or prevailing rate, whichever is less. Site preparation cost-share rates will be 40% of actual cost or prevailing rate, whichever is less.
- Longleaf - must be planted on site/soils suitable for longleaf pine. The maximum trees per acre to be planted for longleaf restoration is 500 tpa.
- Shortleaf - must be planted on site/soils suitable for shortleaf pine. The maximum trees per acre to be planted for shortleaf restoration is 450 tpa.
- The most recent (4/2013) SPBPP Handbook is online at: http://www.ncforests-service.gov/forest_health/pdf/SPBPPCostShareHandbook.pdf

Forest Stewardship Plan Program (FSPP)

- We were not able to fund the FSPP program in FY 12/13. Les Hunter (NCFS Stewardship Coordinator 919-857-4833) will notify NCFS Staff, Stewardship Plan Writers, Consultants, etc. if/when this changes.
- Landowners looking for costshare to have a non-NCFS management plan written should consider contacting the Natural Resources Conservation Service (Raleigh office 919-873-2100). The NRCS offers a program that helps reimburse the cost of a "Conservation Action Plan".
- Consultants should consider becoming an approved NRCS Technical Service Providers (TSP) that can get paid to write such Conservation Action Plans. An increasing number of consultants are being trained and are finding the process worthwhile.

Additional Items

- Helpful "Forest Certification Programs: Status and Recommendations in the South" Publication: Located at http://www.ncforests-service.gov/Managing_your_forest/forest_certification.htm. Summarizes status of Tree Farm, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) certification programs. Includes southern acreages in each program, as well as a "summary matrix" that makes it easy to understand/explain each program's details.
- NCFS Newsletters located at http://ncforests-service.gov/news_pubs/news_pubs.htm. Includes NCFS's "Stand Manager" (technical forestry info); new "Regional BMP Newsletters"; "Forest Health Notes"; "Stewardship Newsletter" and more. ■

LANDOWNERS' CORNER

NC TREE FARM PROGRAM HOLDS WORKSHOP IN WILKES COUNTY

Approximately 50 woodland owners and forestry professionals attended a North Carolina Tree Farm Program workshop and forestry tour in Yadkin County on May 3rd.

The program included information on Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) certification and the NCFP ProLogger Program presented by Mike Adams of Louisiana-Pacific Corp and an update on timber markets presented by Brad Howard of Weyerhaeuser. Rick Bailey of the Natural Resource Conservation Service provided an overview of his agency's programs while Eric Welker and Les Hunter provided an update on N.C. Forest Service programs. Bryan Wagner, safety trainer for Forestry Mutual Insurance Company, discussed chainsaw safety for landowners.

Following the indoor session, attendees toured Harold and Wanda Swaim's Tree Farm in Hamptonville. Tour stops included discussions on: Wildlife Habitat Improvement by Yadkin County Forest Ranger John Kessler, N.C. Forest Service Forester Eric Welker and Tree Farmer Harold Swaim; Water Quality, Stream Crossings and Streamside Management Zones by Amy Phillips and Brad Howard of Weyerhaeuser; and Safe Timber Felling Technique by Bryan Wagner of Forestry Mutual Insurance Company.

The N.C. Tree Farm Program, a private non-profit organization, provides educational programs for woodland owners to promote sustainable, multiple-use forest management. This is the first workshop that has included safety training for landowners.

"Tree Farmers are an independent bunch of folks who like to do a lot of the work on their land themselves," said Steve Cox, the N.C. Tree Farm Program's vice president for outreach and education. "One of our goals with this workshop was to make them more aware of the risks involved with using a chainsaw and cutting trees, and to give them good information on personal protective equipment, proper felling techniques and how to prevent serious injury."

The N.C. Tree Farm Program's next forestry tour will be on November 2, 2013 at Dwight and Judy Batts' Wilson County Tree Farm during the 2013 N.C. Tree Farmers' Annual Meeting. ■

NCTF ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS TFOY

The N.C. Tree Farm Program is now accepting nominations for 2013 North Carolina Tree Farmer of the Year. **The deadline is July 19th.**

"This is a highly competitive nomination process, and North Carolina has a rich history of past southern regional and national winners," stated David Holley, the N.C. Tree Farm Chair of Awards Committee. "We encourage you to nominate only the "best of the best."

So what makes a good nominee? Nominees are not only actively involved in managing their own land to a high standard, but they also actively promote forest management in their community. Nominees must have an American Tree Farm System (ATFS) Certified™ Tree Farm.

To nominate a Tree Farmer, please fill out the nomination form and submit it by July 19 to: Leslie McCormick, N.C. Tree Farm Program, 1807 Dunwick Court Apex, NC 27523 or by e-mail at nctreefarm@gmail.com.

Up to three finalists will be chosen from the pool of nominees for a site visit and meeting with the Selection Committee in August. The winner of this year's Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year award will be announced at the N.C. Tree Farm Program's Annual Meeting on November 2, 2013. ■

NC FOREST SERVICE FINDS LAUREL WILT DISEASE IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY

The N.C. Forest Service has confirmed that laurel wilt, a devastating disease of redbay and other plants in the laurel family, has been identified in New Hanover County in an area near the western edge of Wilmington.

The disease has been identified across the Southeast in portions of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. In North Carolina, it was first discovered in Bladen, Columbus, Pender and Sampson counties in 2011, and in Brunswick County in 2012.

In North Carolina, sassafras, pondberry, pondspice, swampbay and spicebush also fall in the laurel family and could be affected by this disease.

Laurel wilt is introduced into the tree by the non-native redbay ambrosia beetle. The female beetle bores into the bark of the tree, carrying the fungus. Once the beetle is inside the tree, she makes tunnels where she will lay eggs. Fungal spores grow in these tunnels, blocking the movement of water from the tree roots and causing the tree to wilt and eventually die from lack of water. This fungus is extremely fast-acting, and trees typically die within a month of infection.

Symptoms of laurel wilt disease include drooping reddish or purplish foliage. Evidence of redbay ambrosia beetle attack may be found in the main stem; often strings of chewed wood, called frass toothpicks can be seen sticking out of entry holes. Removal of tree bark reveals black streaking in the outer wood.

It is believed the pest can travel about 20 miles per year naturally, but can spread more quickly when the fungus-carrying beetles are transported in wood, such as firewood, to new areas. Homeowners with dead redbay trees are encouraged to keep cut trees on their property. Dead trees should not be removed to a landfill or off site to be used as firewood. Proper disposal of redbay includes leaving wood on site, cutting or chipping wood on site or burning wood on site in compliance with local and state ordinances. In areas where burning is allowed, a permit can be obtained from the N.C. Forest Service through a local burn permit agent, a county ranger's office, or online at <http://ncforestservic.gov/>. Look for "Burn Permits" under the quick links section.

This destructive pest was first discovered in Georgia in 2002. It is believed the fungus associated with the redbay ambrosia beetle arrived in the U.S. along with the pest in wooden crating material from Southeast Asia. The most recent detection of laurel wilt in New Hanover County was reported by N.C. Forest personnel, and confirmed by N.C. State University's Plant Disease and Insect Clinic laboratory.

To learn more about laurel wilt, go to <http://ncforestservic.gov/> and follow the links under the Forest Health section, or call Jason Moan, forest health monitoring coordinator with the N.C. Forest Service, at (919) 553-6178 ext. 223. ■

USDA ANNOUNCES CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM SIGN-UP

In May, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack reminded farmers and ranchers that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up beginning May 20 and ending on June 14.

Vilsack also announced the restart of sign-up for continuous CRP, including the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement Initiative, the Highly Erodible Land Initiative, the Grassland Restoration Initiative, the Pollinator Habitat Initiative and other related initiatives. Sign-up for continuous CRP began on May 13 and will continue through Sept. 30, 2013.

CRP has a 27-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat.

In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Currently, 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP through 700,000 contracts on 390,000 farms throughout the U.S., with enrollment in 49 states and Puerto Rico. Contracts on an estimated 3.3 million acres will expire on Sept. 30, 2013. Enrollment authority for all types of CRP, which had expired Sept. 30, 2012, was extended through 2013 by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012.

Landowners interested in these programs can contact their county's USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA) office or North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS) Ranger office. ■



(l-r) Amy Phillips and Brad Howard were two presenters during the field portion of the workshop.

SPEAKERS AGENDA NEARLY COMPLETE FOR 2013 NCFA ANNUAL MEETING

The NCFA's Annual Meeting, titled, "Dynamic Markets & Sustainable Opportunities," will discuss how markets, both traditional and new, will be impacting the state's forests.

The meeting will follow the same format as previous years with recreational activities on Wednesday followed by a welcome reception for the membership, but with a special focus on recognizing the young professionals at the meeting.

Thursday will feature comprehensive presentations on forestry and forest products markets. Thursday evening will be the awards dinner followed by entertainment by the band, the Fantastic Shakers.

On Friday, the meeting will conclude with a board of directors meeting. Registration materials will be sent to the membership in June.

SPEAKING AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome
- 8:10 a.m. Are Markets Shaping Forest Management, and if so, How?
David Ashcraft, N.C. State University
- 8:30 a.m. Forest Planting : Are We Planting Enough?
TBD
- 9:15 a.m. Forest Resource: What is the Data? Where are the Markets?
Bob Apt, N.C. State University
- 10:15 a.m. European & Domestic Markets
John Keppler, Enviva's CEO
- 11:00 a.m. Energy as a Resource Consumer
Larry Richardson, ReEnergy CEO
- 11:45 a.m. Break prior to lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Fracking: What is the Controversy?
Dr. Ken Taylor, NC DENR
- 1:30 p.m. Softwood Lumber Outlook
Jack Jordan, Jordan Lumber Company
- 2:15 p.m. Hardwood Lumber Outlook
George Barrett, Hardwood Market Review
- 3:15 p.m. How are Ports Adapting to Markets?
Lance Kenworthy, NC Port Authority
- 4:00 p.m. Protecting Soil Productivity During Harvest Operations
Bob Schaefer, NCFA ■

SFI TEAMS UP WITH MCGRAW TO EDUCATE LEED - SAVVY BUILDERS

The June issue of Architectural Record includes a Continuing Education Unit (CEU) for architects and builders describing the benefits of using responsibly managed forest products certified to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Standard.

The article and CEU are timely, as the U.S. Green Building Council membership will be voting this month on new LEED requirements that state "wood or paper products must be certified by the Forest Stewardship Council or USGBC approved equivalent." This prevents wood products certified to the SFI Standard and the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) from earning LEED credit.

The CEU appears in this month's print version of Architectural Record along with a link to online-only content with additional information and in-depth explanations and descriptions. McGraw Hill Construction, who publishes Architectural Record, developed the SFI-sponsored CEU. Architects and builders can earn a continuing education credit through the American Institute of Architects by reading the article and taking a free online test. Also, the CEU is approved for one Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) continuing education hour for LEED Credential Maintenance.

To view the CEU and take the test, visit McGraw Hill Construction's Continuing Education Center at <http://ceu.construction.com/article.php?L=282&C=1106>. ■



TRUCK DRIVER SAFETY - PLENTY OF LIVES ARE ON THE LINE

According to the United States Federal Highway Administration, **EVERY 21 MINUTES, A ROAD DEPARTURE FATALITY OCCURS.**

Each day across America millions of truck drivers haul products to support our economy. Trucking plays a huge role in the wood products industry from logs to finished furniture. Trucking is the way our industry moves its products to market. Once the truck leaves the logging job, warehouse, plant or mill, drivers are on their own and away from direct supervision. There is a huge amount of responsibility and liability based upon the driver's decisions and actions.

Recently a number of truck wrecks, some proving fatal, have occurred. Each driver killed was a family member that did not go home at the end of the workday. Some of the most common causes of accidents involve driver distractions such as talking on a cell phone or cb radio, becoming sleepy from long hauls, and boredom.

In order to reduce the number of road departure fatalities hold regularly scheduled safety meetings to help keep safety awareness at a high level. Some topics to discuss include:

- Make sure all medical requirements are met for drivers with commercial licenses.
- Do a thorough pre-trip inspection of the truck and trailer.
- Has scheduled maintenance been completed?
- Are the brakes and tires serviceable?
- Check the load often. Tighten binders and chains frequently.
- Know your load. A double bunk load of cut logs pulls and handles differently than a load of tree-length wood. Pallets and finished furniture handle differently than wet or dried packs of lumber.
- Use your seat belt.
- Drive alert and avoid distractions.
- Do not use cell phones while driving.
- Constantly scan your mirrors. Be aware of blind spots.
- Adjust your speed for the driving conditions you encounter.
- Be aware of following distances, your truck doesn't stop on a dime.

Accidents can be prevented. Lowering risk through safety awareness reduces the chance of an accident. Taking the time to hold safety briefings with your trucking employees will demonstrate your concern for them. Drive safely.

For questions on this topic or other safety information, please contact Forestry Mutual at (800) 849-7788. ■

SOUTHERN PINE DESIGN VALUES NOW IN EFFECT - JUNE 1, 2013

The Southern Forest Products Association reports that new design values for all sizes and grades of visually graded Southern Pine dimension lumber became effective June 1, 2013. New design values apply only to new construction; the integrity of existing structures designed and built using design values meeting applicable building codes at the time of permitting does not change.

Southern Pine's strength and stiffness is comparable to other softwood species used in residential and commercial construction. Southern Pine users have many available product options including visually graded dimension lumber and an increasing supply of mechanically graded lumber.

BACKGROUND: The last major change for visually graded dimension lumber occurred in 1991 when design values for Southern Pine and other North American species were published based on In-Grade testing of full-size samples of commercially produced lumber. Since 1994, SPIB has conducted an annual resource monitoring program developed in collaboration with the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory (FPL).

Complete information about Southern Pine design values is available online at www.southernpine.com. ■

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2013
 7 SLTC Meeting, Smithfield Chamber of Commerce, Smithfield, NC
 21 NC SFI SIC Meeting, NCEA Office, Raleigh, NC

September 2013
 20-21 Mid-Atlantic Logging & Biomass Expo, Smithfield-Selma Area, NC

October 2013
 2-4 NCEA Annual Meeting, New Bern, NC
 4 NCEA Board of Directors, New Bern, NC

November 2013
 2 NC Tree Farm Annual Meeting, Batts Tree Farm, Macesfield, NC
 6 Drake Landing, Fuquay-Varina, NC
 13 NC SFI SIC Meeting, TBD
 13-15 NC Wood Exports Conference, New Bern, NC

December 2013
 25-26 Christmas Holiday

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