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NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

NC SAF 2017 SUMMER MEETING FOCUSES ON "THE NEW NORMAL"

The North Carolina Society American Foresters (NC SAF) Summer Meeting focused on the theme of "The New Normal" for members in attendance at the Shrine Club in Dunn, NC. The speaking program took a look current trends in the morning session and moved towards an emphasis on recruiting and shaping the next generation of forestry professionals.

One of the highlights of the two-day meeting was the presentation of several awards.

The Merit Award is the highest award for the NC SAF and it is presented annually to an individual who has made notable contributions to the forestry profession and has been a member of the SAF for the past 10 years.



(l-r) Clay Altizer presented Dr. Fred Cabbage with the Merit Award for his leadership in the forestry profession and dedication to the SAF.

This year's recipient was Dr. Fred Cabbage of North Carolina State University. Cabbage was recognized as being one of the top forest economists and policy analyst in the world who has mentored thousands of students over the years. His work on the "Save the Hofmann" project was also complimented as a true demonstration of leadership in the forestry profession.

Jeff Pardue was honored for his volunteer work with the SAF. A former SAF Piedmont Chapter Chair, Pardue has held numerous roles in planning and executing the SAF's Divisions and AP SAF meetings.

The Young Forester Leadership Award is given annually to a forester under 40 years

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SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY TEACHERS EXPERIENCE STARTS IN NEW BERN



(far right) Doug Campbell and Bill Tucker (with photos) led the field tour of Weyerhaeuser's forests.

The New Bern edition of the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience proved to be a wet week in the field, but 36 teachers and all of our volunteers proved to be troopers!

The SFTE kicked off the week with a Project Learning Tree and Naval Stores presentation by Chris Meiggs. The teachers then went from the classroom to the facility with a tour of International Paper. Special thanks to IP's Andrew Wolgmuth, Tonda West and Paul Rodock and John Ashley. The first day's events concluded with a showing of America's First Forest, the film produced by the Forest History Society. James Lewis, one of the project's producers, introduced the production and discussed applications in the classroom.

Day two started in the field as the teachers visited the Croatan National Forest. Ranger Steve Maharrey and Jeff Hall with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission guided the teachers through the forests, pointing out carnivorous plants and Red Cockaded Woodpeckers.

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MID-ATLANTIC EXPO HEADS TO LAURINBURG

The 2017 Mid-Atlantic Logging & Biomass Expo will be moving to Laurinburg, North Carolina this year. The two-day live expo will take place on September 15-16, 2017 on a tremendous mature tract of timber just off of U.S. Highway 74. The gates will open at 8:00 a.m. each day. The expo will feature five live demonstration areas and three chipper stations. In addition to the live show, there will be over 75 static displays. Although the location has changed, this year's show should be another terrific opportunity for the logging community to see the newest equipment and supplies on the market.

"We have a great location," stated Jack Swanner, who is the Carolina Loggers Association's Executive Director and coordinating expo. "Our vendors requested an area where they could harvest mature timber – and lots of it. This site provides that and more. We have already received several inquiries and commitments from vendors for this year's show, so we are excited for another excellent show."

If you are interested in exhibiting at this year's expo, please contact Jack Swanner at (828) 421-8444 or jswanner@ncloggers.com.

The Mid-Atlantic Logging & Biomass Expo is a joint effort of the Carolina Loggers Association, Hatton-Brown, and the North Carolina Forestry Association. ■



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SUBMIT NEWS TO THE NCFCA

TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the NCFCA. News items should be sent to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org or by calling (800) 231-7723 ext. 3.

The NCFCA is the state's oldest forest conservation organization, consisting of 4,100 members with ties to forestry and the forest products industry. A private, non-profit organization, the NCFCA promotes healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners, the forest products industry, and related groups that responsibly manage and/or use forests. ■

POLITICAL NEWS & REGULATORY ISSUES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE - BILLS OF INTEREST

The NCFCA staff continues to monitor the activities of the North Carolina General Assembly. The following are bills the NCFCA is monitoring closely at this point. It is worth noting that if a bill did not make the crossover deadline, meaning it did not pass one chamber and get introduced into the other, it is most likely not going to have a future in this legislative session. But, you can never say never during the legislative process.

House Bill 3 - Eminent Domain (partner bill is Senate Bill 34) - This Eminent Domain Bill seeks to protect landowners and provide more options in the case where property is taken via eminent domain. The bill passed the House. It passed the House and is currently referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations within the Senate (2/20/17). The NCFCA supports this bill at this point.

House Bill 26 - Workers Comp/Approval of Disputed Legal Fees - This bill amends the process set forth currently in the payment of disputed legal fees by the industrial commission. It passed the House and was sent to the Senate. In the Senate, it was amended and passed. It was then sent back to the House and will be voted on (6/29/17). The NCFCA is neutral on this bill at this point.

House Bill 56 - Amend Various Environmental Laws - House Bill 56 is a generic bill that addresses several environmental issues. This bill has passed the House. In the Senate, the bill has been replaced by a committee substitute bill on two occasions. It passed the Senate and then was returned to the House. It passed the House on (6/28/17). The NCFCA continues to monitor this bill and is neutral on this bill at this point.

House Bill 80 - Bona Fide Ownership of Timber Parcels - This bill seeks to protect forest landowners from timber being unlawfully cut and/or removed from their property by mandating that the forest landowner obtain a survey of his/her property that clearly defines the property lines of his/her property. This bill passed its first reading and has been referred to the committee on Judiciary III (2/13/2017). This bill did not meet the crossover deadline, meaning it should not move forward in this legislative session. The NCFCA does not support this bill in its current form and continues to work with bill sponsors to amend it so it maintains private property rights without imposing an unnecessary financial burden on the landowner.

House Bill 81 - STI/Regional & Division Weighting - This bill seeks to adjust the weighting attributed under the transportation investment strategy formula to the department of transportation's division engineers, the metropolitan planning organizations, and the rural transportation planning organizations. It has passed its first reading in the Senate and is now in the Committee On Rules and Operations (3/2/2017). The NCFCA supports this bill at this point and will continue to monitor its progress.

House Bill 95 - Truck Deliveries to Port/Night Travel - This bill would authorize permitted oversized or overweight vehicles to travel after sunset when transporting and delivering cargo, containers, or other equipment to or from international ports. This bill has passed the House and the Senate. It has been presented to the Governor for his signature. (6/27/2017). The NCFCA supports this bill.

House Bill 171 - Change Exclusion for Solar Energy Systems (partner bill is Senate Bill 279) - This bill to change the property tax exclusion for solar energy by lowering the percentage from eighty percent to sixty percent of the appraised value of a solar energy electric system. The bill passed its first reading and is now in the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities (2/23/2017). This bill did not make the crossover deadline. The NCFCA is neutral on this bill at this point.

House Bill 252 - Building Code Regulatory Reform (partner bill is Senate Bill 371) - This bill seeks to make various changes and clarifications to the statutes governing the creation and enforcement of building codes. It has passed the House and the Senate. It is now going to the Governor. (6/28/17). The NCFCA is neutral on this bill at this time.

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General Assembly Update...(from page 2)

House Bill 272 - Fox and Coyote Trapping/Yadkin County - This bill would permit fox and coyote trapping in Yadkin County. The bill passed the House and the Senate.. It was signed into law on (6/28/2017). The NCFA was neutral on this bill.

House Bill 337 - Drone Act - This bill seeks to make various revisions to the laws governing the use of unmanned aircraft systems such as drones and model aircraft. It passed the House and the Senate. It has been sent back to the House for a confirmation vote. (6/29/2017). The NCFA is neutral on this bill.

House Bill 379 - Task Force on Regulatory Reform - This bill would establish the North Carolina Joint Legislative Task Force on regulatory reform. This bill has passed the House and sent to the Senate. It passed its first reading and has been referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate (3/29/2017). The NCFA supports this bill.

House Bill 454 - Surveying and Plat Recording Changes (partner bill is Senate Bill 372) This bill seeks to modernize and make changes to the recording requirements for plats and subdivisions and to eliminate the use of control corners in favor of grid control in the preparation of plats and subdivisions. This bill passed the House and the Senate. It was signed by the Governor (6/08/17). The NCFA is neutral on this bill.

House Bill 467 - Agriculture and Forestry Nuisance Remedies (partner bill is Senate Bill 460) This bill seeks to clarify the remedies available in private nuisance as it pertains to agriculture and forestry. This bill passed the House and the Senate. It was ratified into law on 4/27/2017. The House and Senate voted to override the Governor's veto. The NCFA supported this bill.

House Bill 535 - Operating Funds for Linville Nursery (partner bill is Senate Bill 341) This bill would appropriate operating funds for the North Carolina Forest Service's Linville River Tree Nursery. This bill passed its first reading and has been sent to appropriations (3/30/2017). This bill did not make the crossover deadline. The NCFA supports this bill.

House Bill 559 - Outdoor Heritage Enhanced (partner bill is Senate 624) This bill seeks to expand the use of firearms for hunting of wild animals and upland game birds on Sunday and to allow hunting of migratory birds on Sunday. This bill passed the House and the Senate. It was sent back to the House for concurrence. (6/29/2017). The NCFA is neutral on this bill.

House Bill 770 - Amend Environmental Laws 3 - This bill started out as a report on rules for remediation of certain underground storage tanks required by the 2015 appropriations act. Through the legislative process, it was expanded to amend various environmental laws. This bill passed the House and the Senate. (6/28/17) The NCFA is neutral on this bill at this time.

House Bill 830 - WC/Independent Truckers - An act to amend the workers' compensation act concerning the status of truck drivers as employees or independent contractors. This bill passed its first reading and has
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NCFA SIGNS ONTO NAFO LETTER ON ADDRESSING FWS POLICIES

In June, the NCFA joined over 31 forestry related associations and organizations on a letter from National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) to Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior Ryan Zinke. The letter addresses policies and regulations adopted last year by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS) that create unnecessary obstacles to forest landowners.

A recent (March 1, 2017) executive order from President Trump, entitled "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda," directed federal agencies "to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people."

The letter outlined five distinct areas where the FWS could be more proactive with the forestry community. This is a summary of the letter submitted by NAFO. If you would like to receive a copy of the complete letter, please contact Chris Brown at the NCFA at cbrown@ncforestry.org and or (800) 231-7723 ext. 3.

1. Voluntary Conservation - FWS should increase its support for voluntary conservation efforts to conserve listed species and species at risk of being listed under the ESA through the use of innovative partnerships negotiated directly with landowners.

2. Critical Habitat Regulations - Although the FWS seems to place considerable emphasis on analysis of the conservation needs of a species in order to designate critical habitat, this information is not generally well known at the time of listing and designation. If FWS desires to bring clarity to the critical habitat designation process, the agency should revise these regulations to an approach that focuses on habitat that is "critical" rather than speculative and restore specific identification of essential features.

3. Mitigation Policies - Mitigation policies should embrace a range of mitigation mechanisms. Current mitigation policies often exceed or stretch the agency's statutory authority. This policy discourages voluntary participation. Mitigation should be part of voluntary relief, not enforcement.

4. Consultation - The consultation process is rife with delays and inequities. The FWS rarely recognizes that other agencies have statutory responsibilities of their own. For example, Congress requires multiple use and sustained yield of public lands, but FWS rarely factors these elements when reviewing actions proposed to allow these uses or to protect this yield.

5. Reorganization - The ESA jurisdiction is divided between the Interior Department - terrestrial and freshwater species - and the Commerce Department - marine species. Having two agencies implement the same law is confusing enough but it becomes truly unworkable when addressing anadromous species, which spend an important portion of their life cycle in fresh water. This results in double consultations, double policy interpretations and double negotiations on agreements covering multiple species, causing unnecessary delays and confusion. It also creates a conflict of interest because the Department of Commerce also regulates fishing that directly affects listed species, in some cases the very salmon runs that are listed. Since the ESA gives the Secretary of the Interior primary jurisdiction, it only makes sense to merge all ESA implementation into the FWS.

6. Conclusion - A cohesive ESA implementation is critical to gaining trust and support from the private sector. We look forward to providing our assistance as you develop improvements for implementation of the ESA.

Thanks to Chip Murray with the National Alliance of Forest Owners for sharing this information. ■



BEAT THE DEADLINE - GET THE COURSE SHEETS AND DUES INTO THE NCFS

The deadline for the NCFA's ProLogger program is June 30th so all ProLoggers are encouraged to submit their dues and make sure they have completed Module 17 by the June 30th deadline.

ProLoggers can check their own status by entering through the members only section of the NCFA's website. The NCFA will also share a complete list of those ProLoggers who satisfied the requirements and are in good standing heading into the 2017-2018 year with NCFA member companies. If you are a ProLogger and have a question about your ProLogger status, please contact Chris Brown at (800) 231-7723 ext. 3 or cell (919) 337-6094. ■



FUTURE LOGGING CAREERS ACT CLEARS HOUSE COMMITTEE

In late June, the House Natural Resources Committee held a mark-up on the Resilient Federal Forests Act, H.R. 2396 introduced by Congressman Bruce Westerman (R-AR) which included language that would allow the sixteen and seventeen year-old sons and daughters of logging business owners to legally work on their parents job sites under parental supervision.

The legislation is a part of the much larger forestry bill which includes streamlining and adding efficiencies to the management of federal forest lands while improving forest health and bolstering the economies of struggling forest dependent communities.

Like farming and ranching, the timber harvesting profession is often a family run business where the practice and techniques of harvesting and transporting forest products from the forest to receiving mills is passed down from one generation to the next.

Timber harvesting operations are very similar to family farms with sophisticated and expensive harvesting equipment that requires young men and women to learn how to run the business, including equipment operation and maintenance, prior to obtaining the age of eighteen. Currently, there are no on-the-ground programs in place to facilitate that training and ensure the sustainability of the timber harvesting industry's next generation of family members who choose to enter the profession.

The American Loggers Council (ALC) supports extending the agricultural exemption now enjoyed by family farmers and ranchers to train their sixteen and seventeen year old sons and daughters to carry on the family business to mechanical timber harvesters.

"Voters sent a clear message that it's time to put Americans back to work, and strengthening the forest products industry is one way to accomplish that goal in communities across the country," said Daniel Dructor, ALC Executive Vice President. "Professional timber harvesters provide the raw materials that supports manufacturing jobs in many sectors, from lumber to renewable energy. Many logging companies are small, family-owned businesses. To keep American loggers working in the woods, President Trump and Congress should pursue reforms in federal regulations and land management, as well as labor, transportation and energy policies."

American Loggers Council members first brought the language to the attention of Congress in 2014, and have received support from all sectors of the forest products industry. The language has already received bipartisan support in the Senate.

Thanks to Danny Dructor with the ALC for his work on this important issue and sharing this information. ■



Forestry Mutual's Bryan Wagner (left) makes a point during the ProLogger Base Class held last month.

SPORTING CLAYS MIRACLE SHOOT ON HORIZON

The 22nd Annual Colony Tire Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot, that benefits the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals will take place on August 4-5, 2017 at the Rose Hill Farm (3881 Rose Hill Lane, Nashville, NC).



Registration is only a \$65 donation and \$35 for youth under 15. There will be 50 rounds of sporting clays fun with several different Lewis Class competitions for men, women and youth.

A total of 27 guns will be awarded in all. In addition, there will be a separate raffle drawing during the competitions for guns.

For information on how to participate and/or become a sponsor for this charity event, please contact Buddy Shavender at buddy@shavender.com or (252) 229-2344.

UPCOMING LOG A LOAD EVENTS

Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot -
August 4-5, Rose Hill Farm, Nashville, NC

Golf Tournament at River Landing -
October 19, River Landing in Wallace, NC

TICK SEASON EXPECTED TO BE TOUGH

The worst tick season ever is here, and experts warn that there's a disease deadlier than Lyme lurking in the woods. Experts say that if you want to know how bad a tick season we are going to have for Lyme disease, you count the mice. All estimates have mice populations at record-level. So this means it is going to be a rough season for Lyme disease. More importantly, ticks are carrying more than just Lyme Disease these days. A new tick-borne virus - Powassan - can kill you or leave you paralyzed. Please take precautions when working in the woods. You can go online to hear a full report from Tom Ashbrook and his program, On Point. The link is www.wbur.org/onpoint/2017/06/13/preventing-lyme-a-new-disease-ticks-spread ■

AP SAF Meeting...(from page 1)



(l-r) Clay Altizer presented Jeff Pardue with the Special Volunteer Service Award at the NC SAF Summer Meeting held in Dunn.

old and has displayed leadership and distinguished service to the SAF. This year's winner was Sara Childs, who is currently the Duke Forest Director.

Michael Thompson received a special award for his work on the NC SAF awards over the years.

Michael Thompson was also recognized for his support of the awards program. Thompson has been making hand made bowls for the SAF for several years now, donating the stands for each award. After his career with the North Carolina Forest Service, Thompson turned his woodturning hobby into his store, "Guiding hand Woodturning", located in Pittsboro, NC.



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On Friday, the NC SAF provided two tour opportunities. The first was a visit to Jerry G. Williams Mill Tour and the second was a trip to the R.L. Johnson Family Tree Farm.

Next year's meeting will take place on June 6-8, 2018 in New Bern and will be hosted by the Croatan Chapter. ■



(l-r) Colby Lambert, Paul Hart, Buren Fulmer, Jeremy Isom, and Jim Gray pose for a photograph during the NC SAF meeting held in Dunn last week. Paul Hart, the Supervisor for Harnett County Parks and Recreation, presented the NC SAF with a special recognition for their efforts with the annual environmental education program held in Harnett County.



**FULL
SPEED
AHEAD!**

**NCFE ANNUAL MEETING
HILTON RIVERSIDE
WILMINGTON
OCTOBER 4-6, 2017**

**CAPE FEAR RIVER FORUMS
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER**

The first annual Cape Fear River Forums are scheduled during the hours of 4 - 6 p.m. in Elon on Tuesday, September 26th, Fayetteville on Wednesday, September 27th, and Wilmington on Thursday, September 28th. The forums will attract concerned citizens and stakeholders from public institutions and industries across the watershed and state. ■

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR
PRESCRIBED BURNING AWARD**

The North Carolina Forest Service is seeking nominations for the State Forester's Prescribed Burning Award, which is presented annually to a North Carolina Forest Service employee or team of employees who demonstrate leadership and excellence in accomplishing prescribed burning in North Carolina's forest ecosystems.

This award recognizes significant achievements in overcoming obstacles to prescribed burning, working successfully with landowners and partners to conduct, support, and facilitate prescribed burns, and promoting the benefits of prescribed burning. The acres burned in a single year are not the sole basis for this award.

The recipient(s) of this award will have shown perseverance to accomplish and support prescribed burning for the health of the forest, its inhabitants, and the citizens of the state. The 2017 award focuses on accomplishments that occurred between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. The award will be presented by the State Forester at the annual North Carolina Prescribed Fire Council meeting.

You can contact Sean Brogan and or Renee Strickland at sean.brogan@ncagr.gov and renee.strickland@ncagr.gov for a nomination form. Nominations must be emailed by noon on July 31, 2017 for consideration. ■

**ROCKINGHAM CC IS HOSTING
TRAIL BUILDING SESSIONS**

The Duke Energy TRAILS at Rockingham Community College is the first community college program of its kind in the United States. The program will benefit students who want to enter or are currently employed in the fields of outdoor recreation, outdoor education or therapeutic recreation. While trail-building skills are the core focus, many other hands-on skills will be taught and certifications offered. Coursework will be structured within a framework of learning through community service and service-inspired leadership. You can learn more by calling (336) 342-4261 ext. 2011. ■



TIPS TO KEEP GROUND PERSONNEL AND TRUCK DRIVERS SAFE

J.J. Lemire, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company

In the past several years, several loggers and truck drivers have been killed or seriously injured as they worked around the deck or landing. These accidents involved individuals struck by logs, as well as run over by loaders or hit by another truck. It is important that proper spacing always be maintained on the log deck. Here are some top tips to keep you and your crew safe!

Tips to Keep Ground Personnel Safe

- Per OSHA standards, a driver can remain in the cab of the truck during loading is if the loader does not swing the logs over the cab and if the cab is protected.
- The safest place for drivers is out of the cab and in a designated waiting area that is both a safe distance from trucks being loaded and out of the path of moving machinery or trucks.
- All ground personnel, including log truck drivers who are out of their cabs, should wear hard hats, safety glasses and high visibility vests. High visibility clothing is a must for ground personnel as well as safety glasses and a hard hat.
- Ground personnel cannot be seen at times due to the many items at the deck or landing. Slash piles, sawbucks, log piles and parked vehicles can impede the equipment operators from seeing the person on the ground. Do not forget to look for visitors.
- Loader operators must stop loading operations if anyone enters the danger zone around a truck being loaded.
- Drivers should receive clearance from the loader operator before approaching their truck and should be sure that the logs are stable before walking the load or applying binding or straps.
- Equipment operators must be aware of the line of site problems their equipment present due to size and attachments. Skidder operators lose sight of ground personnel because of engine covers and loaders operators have a blind spot because of the boom.
- Good communications are the key to a successful and safe log deck. CB Radios, walkie-talkies, or cell phones can keep the loader operator in direct contact with everyone entering or exiting the log deck. Hand signals and direct eye-to-eye contact can keep visitors from walking into a danger zone with moving equipment.

Safety meetings are important ways to make sure employees learn about the hazards of the logging site. Always remind employees how to find and contact emergency services in the event of an injury. Slow down and look carefully around you so everyone goes home each day. ■

OSHA PROMOTES HEAT SAFETY TOOL APP

A new Heat Safety Tool App is now available to help keep workers safe when working outdoors. The App allows workers and supervisors to calculate the heat index for their worksite to generate the risk level to outdoor workers.

In addition, there are reminders about protective measures that should be taken at that risk level to protect workers from heat-related illness – reminders about drinking enough fluids, scheduling rest breaks.

It also assists in planning for and knowing what to do in case of an emergency, adjusting work operations, gradually building up the workload for new workers, training on heat illness signs and symptoms, and monitoring each other for signs and symptoms of heat-related illness.

You can learn more at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatstress/index.html>. ■

General Assembly Update...(from page 3)

been referred to the Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Committee (4/13/2017). This bill did not make the crossover deadline. The NCFA is neutral on this bill at this time.

Senate Bill 76 - Permit Nighttime Hunting of Coyotes - This bill directs the Wildlife Resources Commission to repeal its regulation banning night hunting of coyotes in certain coastal counties. This bill has passed its first reading and is being referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations within the Senate (2/15/2017). The NCFA is neutral on this bill at this point.

Senate Bill 131 - Regulatory Reform Act of 2016 - This bill amends certain environmental, natural resources, and other laws. Among the provisions in this bill is the establishment of a North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes Committee. This committee will provide oversight of the Sentinel Landscape Partnership in North Carolina. The bill became session law 2017-10 after several amendments in conference between the House and Senate (4/27/2017). It was signed by Governor Roy Cooper into law (5/4/2017). The NCFA was neutral on this bill.

Senate Bill 249 - Coyote Bounty Pilot Program - This bill would create a coyote tagging and bounty program in Richmond County. This bill passed the Senate and the House. It was signed by the Governor (6/26/2017). The NCFA was neutral on this bill.

Senate Bill 434 - Amend Environmental Laws 2 - This bill amends certain environmental and natural resources laws. This bill passed the Senate and has passed its first reading in the House. It has been referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House. (6/14/2017) The NCFA supports this bill at this point.

Senate Bill 532 - Landowner Encroachment and Timber Theft Act - This bill provides resources, authority, and guidance to the North Carolina Forest Service law enforcement section to monitor and reduce losses due to landowner encroachment, timber, and other natural resource theft or loss and to increase the penalties associated with these crimes. This bill has passed its first reading and has been referred to Senate Rules and Operations Committee (3/30/2017). This bill did not make the crossover deadline. The NCFA supports this bill.

Senate Bill 539 - Environmental Regulatory Reform Act of 2017 - An act to provide further environmental regulatory relief to the citizens of North Carolina. This bill passed its first reading and has been referred to the Agriculture/ Environment/ Natural Resources Committee (4/13/2017). This bill did not make the crossover deadline. The NCFA is neutral on this bill at this point.

Senate Bill 615 - North Carolina Farm Act of 2017 - This bill seeks to make amendments to certain laws governing agricultural matters. It has passed the House and the Senate with several revisions through the legislative process (6/29/17). The NCFA is neutral at this point. ■

NCFS TO HOST MORE FORESTRY & WATER QUALITY 101 WORKSHOPS

The North Carolina Forest Service will be hosting “Forestry & Water Quality 101: Back to Basics” refresher workshops on Tuesday, July 21st and on Thursday, August 10th as part of the agency’s statewide workshop series.

July 21, 2017 - Mills River, NC

Mountain Horticultural Corps Research & Extension Center
455 Research Drive Mills River, NC 28759
Lat: 35.425648 Lon: -82.560962

August 10, 2017 - Franklin, NC

Southwestern Community College, Cecil L. Groves Center
44 Siler Farm Rd Franklin, NC 28734
Lat: 35.159436 Lon: -83.380376

The workshops start at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. and will be worth 5.5 CFE credits. There is no registration fee. Lunch is on-your-own. You can register via e-mail at ncfs.water@ncagr.gov

The NCFS is looking for sponsors for snacks during these workshops. If you are interested in supporting these workshops, please contact: A.J. Lang, NCFS Watershed and Conservation Staff Forester, at (919) 857-4857 or via email at aj.lang@ncagr.gov. ■

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SEASE HELPING WITH SFTE’S THIS SUMMER



Jackson Sease

Jackson Sease, a recent graduate from North Carolina State University with an Environmental Sciences degree, will be assisting with the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience this summer as an intern with the NCFA.

In his studies, Sease has focused on human dimensions and interactions between communities and the natural world. He is a member of the National Forestry Honors Society. Sease’s experience includes coordinating events for Wake County Parks and the Carolina Hurricanes. ■

AGCAROLINA FARM CREDIT HOSTING PULL FOR YOUTH EVENT

AgCarolina Farm Credit will be hosting Pull for Youth, a sporting clays fundraiser, to generate funds for North Carolina 4-H and FFA on September 23, 2017 at Hunters’ Pointe Sporting Clays in Washington, NC.

Cape Fear Farm Credit and Carolina Farm Credit will also be hosting events in their territories to raise funds. The total sum generated through the three Pull for Youth sporting clays events will be donated evenly between North Carolina 4-H and FFA. There are sponsorship opportunities in addition to participating in the event(s). To learn more, email: pullforyouth@agcarolina.com. ■

SFTE Starts in New Bern...(from page 1)



Group Photo Time! The folks at International Paper hosted the SFTE during the New Bern Experience with a tour of their facility.

After a quick hotel stop to get dry and some food at Weyerhaeuser, teachers were taken on a four stop tour on Weyerhaeuser’s forests that highlighted the stages of the forest cycle. Seedlings to mid-rotation to mature stands. Teachers saw and heard how research, technology and in some cases, simple trial and error, have impacted how Weyerhaeuser now manages its forests in North Carolina. Weyerhaeuser’s goal is to continually improve their forest practices through technology and increased efficiency while abiding by the certification standards set forth in the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). Thanks to Doug Campbell, Bill Tucker, Aubrey Gay, Zane Webster and John Eide for leading the tour.

The day concluded with a presentation from Sarah Crate with the North Carolina Forest Service about the Longleaf Pine ecosystem.

Day three included stops at the Claridge Nursery and Weyerhaeuser’s mill in New Bern.

The final day concluded with group discussions and a presentation on forest certification by Chuck Daniels with Domtar on behalf of the North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee.

“The teachers were really terrific,” stated Amy Juliana, the NCFA’s Education Programs Manager who directs the Teachers Experiences. “The weather was more than a little wet and presented a few challenges during the week, but they never lost their enthusiasm for the program. It was a great group.”



Amy Juliana

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Amy Juliana will be back out again next week in Asheville with another group of teachers! ■

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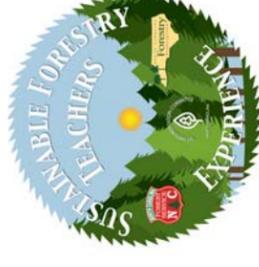


TREE LINE

JULY 2017



**TOP TOUR GUIDES! THANKS TO (L-R)
DOUG CAMPBELL, AUBREY GAY, BILL TUCKER,
ZANE WEBSTER AND JOHN EIDE FOR LEADING
THE SFTE TOUR OF WEYERHAEUSER'S
FORESTLANDS IN SOME WET CONDITIONS.**



MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

- 7/18-21 Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience, Southern Pines
7/19 NC SFI SIC Grant Committee Meeting - Raleigh, NC
7/31-8/4 OSH Training With FMIC And NCF, Howell Woods
- July**
- 8/1-4 OSH Training With FMIC And NCF, Howell Woods, Smithfield, NC
8/4-5 Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot, Rose Hill Farm in Nashville, NC
8/17 SLTC Meeting at Mid-Atlantic Logging Expo Site - 9:30 a.m.
- September**
- 9/15-16 Mid-Atlantic Logging and Biomass Expo, Smithfield/Selma, NC
9/28-30 American Loggers Council Meeting - TBD
- October**
- 10/4-6 NCF, Annual Meeting, Wilmington, NC
10/6 NCF, Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Wilmington, NC
10/11-12 ProLogger Base Class, Marion, NC
10/18 SLTC Meeting, TBA, 9:30 a.m.
10/19 Log A Load Golf Tournament, Wilmington, NC
10/23-27 NCF, Forestry & Environmental Camp, Wilmington, NC
- November**
- 11/8 NC SFI SIC Meeting, NCF, Raleigh, NC - 9:30 a.m.
11/13-19 SAF National Convention - Albuquerque, NM
11/14-16 FMIC Board Meeting - Raleigh, NC
- December**
- tbd Southern Executives Meeting - tbd
tbd NCF, Executive Committee Meeting - Raleigh, NC



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