

Changes Affecting Texas Forestry

Texas has seen rapid changes that affect how our forests are managed. Forest industry consolidation, land ownership changes, volatile timber markets, carbon sequestration, endangered species, water quality & BMPs, and so much more, have natural resource professionals scrambling to process how these changes will affect their management decisions. They are often not aware of changes in other forestry sectors simply because they are faced with changes in their own organization.

The Texas Society of American Foresters 2008 Annual Meeting brings together a variety of speakers that represent both the public and private forestry sectors as well as forestry education. They will address how their organizations address the changes that affect how they manage natural resources. Though the focus will be on Texas, the speakers will expand their viewpoints to the larger regional, national, and international perspectives, because changes affecting Texas forests reach beyond state boundaries. At the end of this meeting, attendees will better understand how different organizations identify and embrace the changes affecting natural resource management.



The Texas Society of American Foresters is offering two pre-conference training opportunities: *Changing Roles* and *Forest Technology 101*.

The *Changing Roles* Professional Development Program was created to build skills and provide the tools needed for natural resource professionals to tackle interface challenges. Occurring April 15-16, this two-day professional development workshop will educate natural resource professionals about the needs, motivations and concerns of interface landowners. Keynote speaker Jim Hubbard, USDA Forest Service Deputy Chief will discuss changes occurring at a national level. CFE credits are available. Like Texas, our profession is changing. Come, meet the challenges and be part of the solutions that will shape the future.

In *Forestry Technology 101*, Landmarks Systems will demonstrate state-of-the-art technology to help managers efficiently collect and integrate spatial and inventory data to help make more informed management decisions. For example, participants will learn how they can incorporate GPS with their forest inventory on a single, hand-held field computer; how they can transfer field data into a GIS; how they can grow their forest to rotation. This seminar will not cover software training, but rather provide an integrated overview of the different technologies available to forest managers for effectively managing spatial and inventory data.

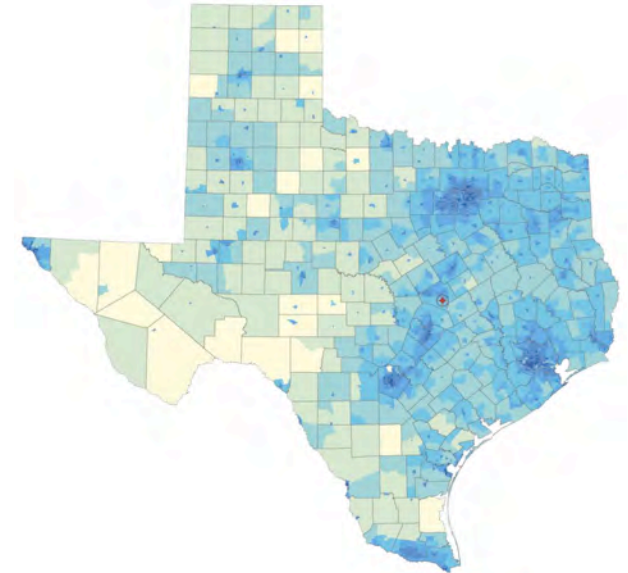


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2008 Annual Meeting

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April 15th – 17th, 2008

Texas AgriLife Research & Extension Center
1710 FM 3053
Overton, Texas 75684
903 834-6191

General Info

Conference Location: The 2008 TSAF Annual Meeting will take place at the Texas AgriLife Research & Extension Center in Overton, Texas. Attendees will be responsible for booking their own room. A list of hotels & their rates are included for Kilgore. As an alternative, Tyler hotels are only 30 minutes from Overton.

Student Registration: Students may take advantage of a special reduced registration fee that includes the meetings and meals.

SAF Continuing Education Units:

Changing Roles = 12

Landmark Systems = 4

Thursday Meeting = 8

(These are approximations subject to change)

Silent Auction: The Student SAF Chapter at SFASU is organizing this year's Silent Auction. They have collected many items, but more are needed and welcomed. Contact Micky Allen (micky_allen_14@yahoo.com) or Dean Coble (dcoble@sfasu.edu) to contribute.

Pre-Conference Training: Two training opportunities are provided prior to the conference. They include:

- **Changing Roles for Natural Resource Managers** (Angie Soldinger, TFS)
- **GPS, GIS, Inventory, & Growth Technology Seminar** (Johnny Thompson, Landmark Systems)

Both events will be held in Overton. Seats are limited so do not delay to sign up. Additional charges may apply.

Event Schedule

Preconference Training and Meetings

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

1:00 – 5:00 pm: Changing Roles

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

9:00 – 5:00 pm: Changing Roles *(cont'd.)*

1:00 – 4:45 pm: Technology Seminar

3:00 – 6:00 pm: Texas Prescribed Burn Board

5:00 – 7:00 pm: TSAF Business Meeting & Silent Auction start

7:30 – 9:30 pm: Social *(Posado's Restaurant in Tyler)*

Main Event

Thursday, April 17, 2008

7:30 Registration

8:30 Texas Forestry Update
Jim Hull, Texas Forest Service

9:00 Demographics Update
Tamberly Kerr, SFASU

9:30 Corps of Engineers Update
Matt Seavey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

10:00 Break

10:30 USFS Update
Fred Salinas, USDA Forest Service

11:00 Mill Update
Speaker TBA

11:30 Lunch

1:00 Industrial Forestland Update
Doug Long, Rayonier

1:30 University Update
Scott Beasley, SFASU
Mike Messina, TAMU

2:30 Break

3:00 Texas Parks & Wildlife Update
Cindy Loeffler, TPW

3:30 National SAF Update
Michael Goergen, SAF

4:00 District SAF Update
Jan Davis, SAF District XI Representative

5:00 Awards Dinner & Silent Auction

Sign-up Form

Please complete and return this form by April 10, 2008
No Refunds, Late Fee = \$25

Price includes meeting and meals	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Members Registration Fee	\$65
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Registration Fee	\$90
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Fee if attending pre-conference training(s)	\$65
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Fee	\$25

Pre-Conference Training Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/> Changing Roles	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Systems	\$50

Total Amount Included

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I plan to attend the business meeting on April 16 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I plan to attend the social dinner at Posado's on April 16 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I plan to attend the awards dinner on April 17 | _____ |

Name: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone/email: _____

Lodging Reservations

Accommodation costs not included in registration fee

Several hotels are available in Kilgore, which is the closest town to Overton:

- Holiday Inn Express, \$89 plus tax, 903 986-3533
- Best Western Inn, \$70 plus tax, 903 984-1195
- Ramada Inn, \$75 plus tax, 903 983-3456

Return completed form and check payable to Texas SAF:

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