

Washington State Society of American Foresters
Accomplishments for Third Quarter, 2007
July-August-September 2007

HIGHLIGHTS (and contacts):

- Green River CC has been named student chapter of the year. (Dick Hopkins)
- NWO needs your ideas for themes for issues of the *Western Forester* magazine (Lori Rasor).

Strategic Outcome #1: Be the Leading Professional Forestry Organization in the World

- A. Green River Community College was named this summer as student chapter of the year. Congratulations to chapter chair Jen Wren and advisors Dick Hopkins and Rob Sjogren.
- B. Mentoring Night scheduled for September 27. Sponsored by the Green River Community College and South Puget Sound Chapters, bringing together students and young foresters with those "more established". There was a well-received outside BBQ. We had about 25 professionals (including non-members) and 40 students. Interns presented a little of what they did and learned.
- C. Green River CC will co-host student activities at the Portland National Convention with Oregon State University.
- D. Northwest Office (NWO).
 - Lori Rasor, of our NWO in Portland that we share with Oregon SAF, would like your ideas for themes for upcoming issues. She has many issues already lined out, but would appreciate hearing your ideas.
 - The Forestry Experts Database project is proceeding but Lori needs someone with forestry knowledge who could spend time verifying information. So if you have a few hours to donate or know of some one who could use a short-term job, contact Lori.

Strategic Outcome #2: Provide Enhanced Service to Landowners and Employers

- A. SAF co-sponsored two Family Forest Owners Field Days. One in Cle Elum and the other at the Hama Hama Tree Farm on Hood Canal. Andy Perleberg (SAF Mid-Columbia) and crew held these really great events. See <http://www.ncw.wsu.edu/foreststewardship/>.

Strategic Outcome #3: Provide Enhanced Service to Society at Large

- A. Puyallup Fair (Western Washington State Fair). Bill Horn again headed up the SAF booth in the Northwest Outdoors building. John Bergvall is in overall charge of the building. Numerous SAF volunteers participated and the Fair had something like 1.4 million visitors, many of whom stopped at the SAF booth. This is important as this is probably our biggest outreach effort of the year. [Washington State Society of American Foresters](http://www.wssa.net)
- B. The Ex Comm authorized a \$50 donation to the Northwest Forest Education Foundation.
- C. WS SAF contacted the Washington Education Association and the Northwest Bio9logy Professors/Teachers (OR, WA, BC) regarding "free" teachers day" at the Portland Convention.

Strategic Outcome #4: Accomplish Effective Engagement in Forest Policy

- A. WS SAF Positions on website.
 1. WS SAF is reviewing and updating position statements posted on our website.
 2. We will be adding a policy statement on fires and the woodland/urban interface.

- B. "On Science" article submitted to the Journal of Forestry. Bob Dick prepared an article on the use of science (including what is 'credible' science). The ex comm endorsed, with some minor modifications, and Bob submitted the document to the JoF. The article has been accepted for publication at a future, unspecified date. This important issue was the subject of a panel at the 2007 Oregon/Washington Leadership Conference.
- C. Forester Licensing. Bill Horn is leading our effort in developing the SAF perspective on this. He and his work group are coordinating with Inland Empire SAF, the Department of Natural Resources and the SAF National Office (as well as others). Our goal is to have our stance in place prior to the next legislative session.

Strategic Outcome #5: Enhance Professional Education, Performance, and Leadership

- A. Continuing Forestry Education (CFE). WS SAF continuing education coordinator Ellie Lathrop, at our July meeting, walked the group through continuing education and recertification requirements. Check the website for specifics. If you have a chapter event, request credit from the coordinator at least two weeks in advance. Volunteer hours may qualify as CFE for some categories.
- B. WS SAF Foundation. A brochure has been developed which we will have at the Portland Convention. A function of the Foundation is to encourage students and provide scholarships. Much work from Dave Yates, Don Hanley and Nancy Peckman.

Strategic Outcome #6: Ensure Development and Sound Stewardship of SAF's Resources

- A. Foresters' Fund Grant. The Family Forest Owners Field Day in Cle Elum held on June 23rd received \$3,500 grant.
- B. FF donation for the Portland Convention. WS SAF, at its October 5, 2007 meeting, authorized a donation for the auction at the National Convention of \$100± for a Filson Cruisers jacket (a good Pacific Northwest product and a forestry icon).
- C. Submitted as an HSD success story for presentation at the HSD meeting at the Portland Convention, the summary of the session on Chapter Vitality and Viability. The idea behind the session was to identify methods, tools, approaches and ideas that chapters could take home with them for increasing involvement, membership and verve.

Other items of note:

- Our WS SAF Chair-elect is now called Zoanne Thomas, as she was recently married. Congratulations to Zo!!
- The Washington Farm Forestry Association next annual meeting will be April 25-26, 2008.

Upcoming SAF meetings:

- National Convention. Portland, October 23-27, 2007. [SAF National Convention 2007: Welcome!](#) At our 10/5/06 ex comm meeting, 11 of 12 said they would be attending.
- WS SAF executive committee meeting is scheduled for October 24 in conjunction with the National Conference. We will have an abbreviated meeting at the Convention site in room A104 on October 24 from 12N until 1:15. Draft agenda items: awards, WS SAF Foundation, treasurer's report, vision for 2008, and review of 2007.
- 2008 Oregon/Washington Leadership Conference will be at the Red Lion in Kelso. The dates are January 25th and 26th, 2008.

