The Dakotas Chapter of the Society of American Foresters is pleased to announce the annual fall conference and field tour scheduled for October 10 & 11, 2013, entitled: Forest Research: Past, Present and Future. The conference will be held at The Lodge in Deadwood, South Dakota.

Foresters and land managers are tasked with making decisions to ensure the long term viability of the lands in their care. Having access to the best science available is a key in their decision making process. This conference aims to highlight past, present, and future research being done to assist foresters and land managers build the resilience and sustainability of their forests.

This year’s conference will feature two days of respected speakers with enlightening research and presentations. The first day will be held at The Lodge with a full slate of presenters. At the conclusion of the first day of presentations, there will be a social hour. The second day will shift to a field day in the Black Hills Experimental Forest, focusing on research studies in the Black Hills. The field tour will illustrate how the knowledge gained from research studies is being applied on the ground.
Day 1 - October 10th

7:30  8:00  Sign in and Registration

8:00  8:15  Welcome & Introduction
        Doak Nickerson, Chair—Dakotas SAF

8:15  9:15  Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) Research - Past and Present
        Craig Bobzien, Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest
        Dr. John Schmid: Research Forester (ret.), Rocky Mtn. Research Station
        Dr. Russ Graham, Research Forester, Rocky Mtn. Research Station

9:15  10:15  Growing Forest Health via Silvicultural Treatments & Stand Structure
             Dr. Mike Battaglia, Research Forester, Rocky Mtn Research Station
             Dr. Peter Brown, Consultant Forester

10:15 10:30  Raffle & Break

10:30 11:15  Landscape Thinning & Uneven Aged Management Strategies to combat MPB
            Dr. Jose Negron, Research Entomologist, Rocky Mtn. Research Station

11:15 12:00  Impact of Past MPB Epidemics on Watersheds
            Dr. Kelly Elder, Research Hydrologist, Rocky Mtn. Research Station

12:00 1:00  Lunch

1:00  1:45  MPB & Forest Fuels Study
            Kurt Allen, Forest Entomologist, Forest Health Services, USFS

1:45  2:15  Remote Sensing/GIS Mapping/ Aerial Photography
            Jim Ellenwood, Remote Sensing/Image Analysis Program Manager, USFS

2:15  2:45  Forest Vulnerability Assessment to Climate Change
            Richard Truex, Regional Wildlife Ecologist, Rocky Mtn. Research Station

2:45  3:00  Raffle & Break

3:00  3:45  Cut/Chunk MPB Treatment & Pheremone Traps in the Black Hills
            Dr. John Ball. Extension Forester, South Dakota State University

3:45  4:30  SAF - The Need for Change
            Joann Cox, SAF President

4:30  4:45  Field Trip Details
            Paul Pierson, Communications Chair, Dakotas SAF

4:45  5:00  Silent Auction, Raffle, Closing
            Parks Brigman, Chair-Elect—Dakotas SAF

5:00  6:00  Social Hour
Day 2 - October 11th

7:30  8:00  Meet at Conference Registration Desk at The Lodge
       Please plan on carpooling; vehicle space is limited in the Experimental Forest
8:00  9:00  Travel to Black Hills Experimental Forest
9:00  12:00  Research Focus
           Creating Structural Diversity via Harvest Types
           Dr. Mike Battaglia, Research Forester, RMRS
           Dr. Terrie Jain, Research Forester, RMRS
           Dr. Russ Graham, Research Forester RMRS
           Techniques for Managing Ponderosa Pine Regeneration
           Dr. Russ Graham, Research Forester RMRS
           Dr. Mike Battaglia, Research Forester, RMRS
           Dr. Terrie Jain, Research Forester, RMRS
           Growing Stock Level Study
           Dr. Russ Graham, Research Forester, Rocky Mtn. Research Station
12:00  1:00  Lunch (provided on site)
1:00  3:00  Research Focus (cont’d.)
           Goshawk Habitat Attributes
           Dr. Rich Reynolds, Research Wildlife Biologist, RMRS
           Tying it All Together
           Dr. Mike Battaglia, Research Forester, RMRS
3:00  Adjourn
Registration

Forest Research - Past, Present, and Future

October 10th & 11th, 2013 The Lodge, Deadwood, South Dakota

Name ______________________________________________________________________

Employer/Organization ______________________________________________________________________

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Registration*:

Early Registration $75 x ____ = ____

Late Registration (Received After September 27) $85 x ____ = ____

Attending Field Tour Yes ____ No ____

*DSAF will pay 50% of registration fee in addition to 50% first year dues for those choosing to join DSAF at the registration table on Day 1 of the conference*

** Category 1 CFE’s may be earned for conference attendance (Day 1: 6 CFE’s, Day 2: 5 CFE’s)

Send Registration and Check To:

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