

County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan Changes

By Jeff Barkley – WDNR County Forest Specialist

Governor Jim Doyle's signing of AB316 on October 13, 2005 effectively aligns the long range planning periods for County, State, and National Forests in Wisconsin. Since 1963, the twenty-nine Wisconsin County Forests have completed long range, comprehensive County Forest Land-Use Plans on 10 year cycles.

This year (2005) marks the end of the fourth planning cycle. Effective with the new plans currently being drafted, the planning period will now encompass 15 years. This is the same time frame as the National and State Forests.

The legislation to change the time frame was initiated by the Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA) and sponsored by Representatives Ainsworth and Friske, among others, and co-sponsored by Senator Kedzie, and others, in the Senate.

Long range planning has gotten more complex, expensive, and time consuming with each cycle. Over a long time frame, AB316 will reduce planning costs while still providing for sound management of our County Forests. The new law continues to provide for changes in the plans during the plan period to adapt to changing conditions and new science. Plans involve considerable public input and require approval of the local County Boards and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The individual County Forests and DNR have partnered in the management of the County Forests since 1929.

To learn more about the history of Wisconsin's County Forests and the network of 29 County Forests in Wisconsin today, visit the Wisconsin County Forest Association online at:

<http://www.wisconsincountyforests.com/>



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WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

By John DuPlissis

As summer has turned into fall we feel a definite change is in the air. The days are shorter, the temperatures are dropping, and leaves have turned color. It is also a time of change within Wisconsin SAF. It is that time of year again when we nominate and elect someone from among our membership to serve as the next Chair-elect for the Wisconsin Society. Each Chapter is also preparing to elect their next Chair-elect as well. However, this has become increasingly difficult over the last few years as fewer and fewer members are interested in serving as a leader in their Chapter much less the State Society.

This has been a matter of some concern for us in Wisconsin as well as the Society of American Foresters at large. The report from the House Society of Delegates' Volunteer Organization Support Task Force made the following recommendations:

- SAF must continue to do things to encourage membership. Membership is everyone's responsibility.
- SAF needs to promote SAF structure so members can learn about all the opportunities to get involved.
- SAF must find ways for members to participate so they have a voice within the organization.

If the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters is to be effective we need all of our members to use their talents and participate as fully in chapter activities as possible. I realize that it is not possible for everyone



Chairman John DuPlissis

to volunteer to work in an active role in their Chapter or State Society. However, as a member of the Society of American Foresters you have made a public statement that you respect and support the profession of forestry and agree to conduct your professional activities in accordance with the ethics and bylaws of the Society.

As a member of the Society I encourage you to consider playing a role in the leadership of your Chapter, on one of the Executive Committees, or as one of the members of the Executive. Our goal is to build Wisconsin SAF, to find a way for members to participate and give each member a voice within the organization. I would like to ask all of our members to consider how they might serve. You don't have to wait for someone to ask. If you have a talent or feel the time is right please feel free to call me or your chapter chair and let us know how you would like to get involved.

Society Award Programs: You're a Winner

While it may not make you a millionaire or involve a prize patrol standing on your front porch with champagne and flowers, receiving an award from the Society is an honor—a true indication that you have achieved excellence in your industry or profession. It sets you apart from the rest and increases your value in the job marketplace.

The Society conducts awards programs each year recognizing myriad accomplishments. For instance, Wisconsin SAF presents the John Macon Award (see page 4 for details). By encouraging excellence and awarding members' achievements, the Society reminds us that a winning performance is worthy of peer emulation.

So don't ignore the next call for nominations that comes your way. Fill it out and submit the necessary materials before the deadline date. You could be the next winner, with your name in an envelope and a plaque on the wall!

CHAPTER REPORTS

Southeast Chapter

By Rick Hokans

Eleven people participated in our summer field trip to the Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit, led by Tim Beyer, forester for Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit. Things kicked off at the Ice Age Visitor Center where we had a presentation on the Northern Unit's recent certification audit and previous experience in attaining dual sustainable forest management certification by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). We also discussed certification of individual foresters and new Wisconsin requirements that land management plans be developed by certified foresters.

Then we took to the field and Tim showed us results of some pine thinning and discussed policies set in place as a result of certification. Overall, certification for Wisconsin State Forests encouraged what we would all agree to be good forest management practices. It provided a structure for state forests to standardize practices and better demonstrate sustainable forest management. It became clear that Wisconsin DNR's experience with certification opened markets for their wood and possibly improved bid prices for certified wood.

We had a late lunch and then some of the attendees returned to the Ice Age Visitor Center to view their theatre presentation on the area. The SE Wisconsin SAF Chapter thanks WDNR's Julie Peltier and Tim Beyer for a great summer field trip.



Southeast Chapter members enjoyed a field trip on the Northern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest.

Northeast Chapter

By David Czysz

The Chapter had its spring meeting on June 16 with 46 people in attendance. The topic was "It's All About Aspen". The meeting started at the Rhinelander DNR Ranger Station where Vern Everson, DNR Forest Resource Analyst, gave us a perspective on the aspen resource in Wisconsin by age distribution and acres. We then took a bus to a DNR aspen site near the Willow Flowage where Tom Shockley explained the pros and cons of the management thinning trials tried in that area. There were some good discussions regarding what is being tried in the various County Forests in the Northeast Chapter area. From there we had lunch at the Nokomis Park and the Northeast Chapter business meeting. The afternoon field stop was at an Oneida County aspen thinning trial where Manny Oradei explained the management prescription in that area. Again, there was some very good discussion by the members attending regarding aspen management.

A summer picnic was planned for Saturday, August 23 at the Silver Lake Park near Laona in Forest County. Unfortunately we had to cancel the picnic do to a very poor positive response for attendance.

The fall meeting is scheduled for December 8. The proposed topic is the new DNR hardwood management guidelines that will be coming out soon. Watch the web site for more details.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Committee

By Paul DeLong

The John Macon Award is unique to our State and recognizes an outstanding member from the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters for their outstanding contributions to forestry in Wisconsin. The award is funded by an endowment from the estate of John W. Macon, a former Timberlands Manager for Consolidated Papers.

This award was established in 1979. A listing of past recipients is included here. Please note the high caliber of past award recipients. We certainly have a number of other high caliber members that also deserve recognition. Please take the time to nominate someone you believe is worthy of this honor.

To nominate someone for this award, you need to send to Paul DeLong, State Awards Chair, a biographical sketch of the individual and the reason why you're nominating them for the award. **Nominations need to be submitted by December 31, 2005.** The sketch should outline the career of the nominee and anything else about them that'll help distinguish him or her for the award. Once the recipient is chosen, a plaque and certificate will be presented at the Spring 2006 statewide meeting.

Recipients of the John Macon Award

1981	Bill Sylvester
1982	Bob Petry
1983	Frank Fixmer
1984	Jay Cravens
1985	Ralph Swanson
1986	Milton Reinke
1987	—
1988	James Hovind
1989	—
1990	—
1991	John Seaman
1992	—
1993	Christy Hauge
1994	—
1995	—
1996	Al Nelson
1997	Charlie Higgs
1998	Al Barden
1999	John Kotar
2000	John Grosman
2001	—
2002	Miles Benson
2003	—
2004	Gene Francisco
2005	It's up to you!

Membership Committee

By Dave Czysz

National SAF Membership: Current Year / Previous Year Comparison

August 31, 2005	August 31, 2004	August 31, 2003
14,726	15,131	15,603

Wisconsin SAF Membership: Current Year / Previous Year Comparison

August 31, 2005	August 31, 2004	August 31, 2003
456	472	459

Membership Committee Report continued on next page



As always, all members that had not paid their 2005 dues were purged from the membership list as of June. It's up to all of us to remind members the value of continuing their membership. Often it is just an oversight. Also, keep up the good work with spreading the word to none members. Our 2005 National SAF Membership Campaign Goal is 507.

If you need membership forms let your chapter chair know, or contact me. (contact information below)

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters and those transferred to Wisconsin from other States since the last newsletter.

<u>Chippewa Chapter:</u>	Clinton Haan
<u>Northeast Chapter:</u>	Thomas Huffman, Joseph LeBouton
<u>Southwest Chapter:</u>	Tyler Christen, Andrew Nelson,
<u>UW – Stevens Point:</u>	Christopher Firgens, Matthew Huseby

Special Circumstances

Occasionally I hear of a student or a full member having financial problems paying their dues. The National Office will try to work with you. There are options for students that graduate but do not have a full time forestry job, or installment plans for full members and more. Contact Carol McKernon at the National Office before you let your membership lapse.

For information on membership or recruiting, contact Carol McKernon at the National Office, (301) 897-8720 ext. 108 or by email at mckernoc@safnet.org, or David Czynsz at (866) 336-1548, email at David.Czynsz@storaenso.com.

Five Smart Reasons to Be a Member of SAF

- 1. Resources you can use.** SAF is equipped to handle your questions and calls for specialized help in natural resources. No matter what on-the-job challenge you're facing, count on SAF to respond quickly and aptly. SAF members serve as a bank of expert advise.
- 2. Lifelong learning opportunities.** No one can match SAF's educational advantages. Through workshops, seminars, and conferences, you have a special "pipeline" to new natural resource issues and ideas.
- 3. Legislative and regulatory data.** SAF monitors governmental developments likely to affect the success—perhaps even the survival—of natural resource issues. Rely on SAF to carefully track issues in the legislature, courts, and regulatory agencies, and then translate these complicated laws and regulations for you into understandable terms.
- 4. Connection to natural resources.** When you're faced with job challenges unique to natural resources, it's smart to talk and network with colleagues who have lived your experience. SAF holds the collective wisdom of members representing the full spectrum of forest resource industries and companies with a range of financial resources. Swap ideas and compare notes with fellow members at SAF events. Or even pursue ongoing friendships with mentors and counterparts alike.
- 5. Create the future.** Today there's no room for surprises in natural resources. You have to be prepared for challenges to come so you can manage them. SAF helps identify those challenges for members, and helps you anticipate and organize ways to overcome them. A variety of programs and services—both tangible and intangible—are working on your behalf.

Fox Valley Chapter shares forestry messages

Using grant funds from RC&D, the Fox Valley Chapter purchased roadside signs to tell those passing by about sustainable forestry. The signs were erected with permission on private forest land where a forester was involved with a harvest. They plan to move the signs around to different locations as the trees grow. DNR forester Chris Plzak and Area Forestry Leader Ron Jones shared these photos of the signs that are currently in Door County.



Forests and Whitetails: Striving for Balance

By Eunice Padley

On June 9-10, 2005, I attended the Michigan SAF Spring Conference entitled *Forests and Whitetails*. The conference, held in St. Ignace, Michigan, provided information on the effects of overly high populations of whitetail deer, and the social and biological factors that contribute to high population levels.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Gary Alt, described what occurred in Pennsylvania after deer had caused high levels of damage to forests and herbaceous vegetation. Dr. Alt was instrumental in changing the state's deer policies despite strong conflict, and he offered pointers on how the public cooperation can be achieved.

Dr. Susan Stout spoke on a topic of interest to many foresters, which she described as the "responsible use of even-aged silviculture". Managing a portion of a northern hardwood forest landscape in this way can increase the amount of browse available to deer and

disperse their impacts, allowing some tree regeneration to escape. Dr. Stout noted, however, that there is no silvicultural approach that is as effective as reducing the size of deer populations.

Additional speakers described the effects of deer on forest regeneration, herbaceous species, and other wildlife. Topics included the long-term effects of browsing on forest succession, and the possibility that these are not easily reversible. There were several talks on issues associated with certification requirements; deer impacts on forest regeneration were noted as points of non-conformance.

The conference, organized by Bill Cook of the Michigan State University Extension Service, was well attended by resource managers and educators from the throughout the Great Lakes region. Unofficial notes taken by conference attendees are available on the Wisconsin SAF Website at <http://www.wisaf.org/>

Island Forestry - Wisconsin Style!

The Mid-Wisconsin Chapter learned about the unique challenges of reforesting a sandy island on August 11. Unfortunately it was not a chartered flight down to the tropics to spend time in hammocks listening to Jimmy Buffet songs and sipping drinks decorated with small paper umbrellas. The location was Dresbach Island on the Mississippi River, a short drive from LaCrosse.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, Natural Resource Project Office in La Crescent, Minnesota hosted the meeting and provided three boats for the trip from the boat landing at Dresbach, MN to Dresbach Island. Corps employees Randy Urich and Kurt Brownell, Forester and Natural Resources Specialist respectively, along with Eileen Kirtsch, a Biologist from the U.S. Geological Survey, and Jim Nissen, the LaCrosse District Manager of the Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge lead the tour. All three agencies work as partners on managing the Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge, including the navigation channel from Minneapolis to Guttenburg, Iowa. There are about 220,900 acres of land and water to manage.

Corps of Engineers Forestry has completed and maintained a forest inventory on about 22,000 acres of river bottom Corps land. In addition to inventory, Corps forestry conducts other activities such as permanent monitoring plots, timber stand improvement, gypsy moth control, salvage timber sales, and tree planting.

Dresbach Island was a site of dredged material disposal in 1940. This material increased the island's size from 49 acres to 136 acres. In 1994, much of the area was sparsely vegetated sand that needed reforestation to reduce soil erosion, improve wildlife habitat and support ecosystem management goals. To overcome the coarse texture and xeric conditions of the sand, the Corps constructed containment cells and then pumped about 7,000 cubic yards of fine material from the island's bays into the cells. The fine material was then incorporated into the sand and 2,000 hardwood seedlings were planted. Species planted included bitternut hickory, black oak, bur oak, red oak and black walnut. With some TSI work, the seedlings were growing well and will eventually result in better wildlife habitat and a more stable island for recreation.

For more information about the Upper Mississippi river visit the following websites:

<http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/>

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/>



Wisconsin SAF at the State Fair

By Jim Kerkman, Communications Chair

August 9 was a great day to be at the Wisconsin State Fair. In addition to all the typical sights and sounds you find at the fair, there was a day-long special event called Ag-Venture. The State Fair Coliseum was filled with interactive displays from all the various agriculture industries found in Wisconsin. Booths included dairy, swine, sheep, genetics, crops and more. The Wisconsin Society of American Foresters did their part by hosting a booth highlighting wood products and their importance in Wisconsin. This is the second year we've participated in this event.

The Ag-Venture program encouraged the booths to have activities and displays that were interesting, educational and interactive. Kids and some adults enjoyed coloring tree leaf designs and then having SAF members make a button with the artwork. Of the six leaf designs available, four of them (paper birch, basswood, sugar maple, and red oak) were represented by standing logs that had doors opening to cavities. The cavities held products or uses of that tree and visitors enjoyed opening the doors to see what was inside. There were forestry related handouts, coloring books, stickers, and pencils for the kids to take home and a forest insect display with live bark beetles.

A children's forestry t-shirt drawing and sample wood display were two new additions to the booth this year. The t-shirts came from the SAF store and were won by Maureen Vento of Milwaukee, Mary Jaskie of Milwaukee, Samantha Wegerbauer of Franklin, and Tina Hennig of Franklin.

A big thanks to Kirsten Held, Julie Peltier, Jeff Kante, Randy Cooper, Gus and Jane Wahlgren and Ruby Kerkman for helping staff the booth and providing supplies and materials to make this forestry outreach activity a success.



Jim Kerkman (left), Wisconsin SAF Communications Chair, being interviewed about the importance of forestry to Wisconsin during the Ag-Venture program at the 2005 Wisconsin State Fair.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Wisconsin SAF Fall Meeting

“Looking Beyond the Forest Stand: High Conservation Value Forests”

November 1-2, 2005

Chula Vista Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. This will be an interesting and thought-provoking look at “high conservation value forests” that you won’t want to miss! See the agenda on the next page.

“Wisconsin School Forest Summit: Reaching New Heights”

December 1-2, 2005

DC Everest School Forest in Mosinee

A networking and learning opportunity for school forest educators and school administrators from across the state. Session will include speakers on emerging issues, education planning and programs, outdoor education activities and natural resource management. Jeremy Solin, Wisconsin School Forest Education Specialist, says, “If you have a school forest, you won’t want to miss this first-time event!” Please encourage your local school forest leaders to attend. More details are available at <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/leaf/sf>

LEAF Workshops Scheduled

LEAF (Learning, Experiences, & Activities in Forestry) - Wisconsin’s K-12 forestry education program - has announced dates for a series of teacher workshops from now through December. LEAF - a partnership program between the Wisconsin DNR’s Division of Forestry and the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education at UW-Stevens Point - connects educators in Wisconsin with quality forestry education material. The Wisconsin K-12 Forestry Lesson Guide developed by the LEAF program is only available through these workshops so **encourage your local teachers to attend a workshop!**

K-8 workshops are currently scheduled for Amery, Antigo, Ashland, Berlin, Eau Claire, Hayward, Janesville, Marinette, Menomonie, Middleton, New London, Onalaska, Phillips, Rhinelander, Sparta, Spooner, Stanley, Waupun, West Bend and Westfield. A workshop for 9th-12th grade teachers is also scheduled for Eau Claire.

For further workshop details and registration information, visit LEAF online at:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/leaf/Courses/740/index.htm#dates>

Other Events Listed at “WisconsinForestry.org”

For more upcoming continuing education opportunities, visit the online calendar of events at <http://WisconsinForestry.org> - the Wisconsin Council on Forestry site that serves as a portal to information about the forests and forestry in Wisconsin. If you know of events of related to the forests of Wisconsin, you are invited to submit them for posting to the WisconsinForestry.org site. Just click the button called “Add Event” on the Calendar of Events page and follow the easy directions to add your event to this online calendar.

WisconsinForestry.org also hosts the online presence of the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame, founded in 1984 by a group of public and private forestry organizations to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the practice and progress of forestry in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Society of American Foresters is the sustaining agency of the organization. Members of the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame Committee include: Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee, Timber Producers Association, Wisconsin Society of American Foresters, Wisconsin DNR Division of Forestry, Wisconsin County Forest Association, USDA Forest Service, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, UW-Madison and UW-Stevens Point.

Beyond the Forest Stand – HCVF Management Considerations

2005 Fall Wisconsin Society of American Forester Meeting

Hosted by the SW Chapter, Wisconsin SAF

November 1-2, 2005

Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI

This qualifies for 11 hours of Cooperating Forester Training and 8.5 hours SAF CFE Training - Cat. 1 Meeting registration form is online at http://www.wisaf.org/2005_saf_fall_meeting.pdf (registration limited to 140 participants)

Monday, October 31

6:00 P.M. Wisconsin SAF Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 1

8:00 – 9:15 AM Registration

9:15 Welcome

Morning Theme: High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) – What is it, why care, and how are different organizations dealing with it?

9:30 Beyond the Forest Stand – What are High Conservation Value Forests and Why do They Matter? Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief - US Forest Service

10:20 Break – Exhibitors Area

10:45 Real World Perspectives on HCVF Management Implications (Panel)

Dr. Robert Hrubes – Scientific Certification Systems

William Banzhaf – Sustainable Forestry Board

Lynn Wilson – Plum Creek Senior Resource Manager

Paul DeLong – Administrator, Division of Forestry

Noon Lunch – Fireside Room


Afternoon Theme: Evaluating HCVF Needs and Monitoring Success

1:00 Forest Values: A Personal View
Marvin Defoe from Red Cliff, a birch-bark artist

1:45 How do Tribal Land Managers Plan Ecosystem Management Needs? – Native American Perspectives on HCVF
Jonathan Gilbert – GLFWC Wildlife Section Leader

2:30 Break – Exhibitors Area

2:50 Planning Wisconsin's Land Legacy for the next 50 years.
John Pohlman – DNR Land Management Specialist

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- 3:30 Wisconsin DNR's HCVF Crosswalk: Critical Habitats and the Role of State Natural Areas**
Randy Hoffman – Conservation Biologist, DNR Ecosystem and Diversity
Conservation Section
Joe Kovach, DNR Forest Ecologist/Silviculturist
- 4:15 From Picasso to Da Vinci: What is the Resource Monitoring Picture in Wisconsin?**
Loren Ayers, Terrestrial Ecologist, Wisconsin DNR
- 5:30 Social Time – Sports Bar**
- 6:00 Banquet/Awards: “The Forest Guild: A Perspective from a 31-Year SAF Member”**
Robert Hrubes, Senior Vice-President - Scientific Certification Systems

Wednesday, November 2

6:30 to 7:45 Breakfast & SAF Business Meeting – Fireside Room

Morning Theme: HCVF – Management Case Studies

- 8:00 Land Type Associations and Ecological Landscape Considerations in Wisconsin**
Dr. Eunice Padley, Wisconsin DNR Forest Ecologist/Silviculturist
Gerry Bartelt, Section Chief, Wildlife and Forestry Research
- 8:45 TNC's Approach to HCVF Management in the Chequamegon Bay Watershed**
Matt Dallman, TNC Director of Conservation, Northern Wisconsin
- 9:30 Identification of Erosion Causes Affecting Lake Superior's South Shore Streams**
Jay Gallagher, DNR Regional Team Supervisor
- 10:00 Break – Exhibitor Area**
- 10:20 Baraboo Bluffs: A “Last Great Place”**
Fred Clark, Clark Forestry
Rick Livingston, DNR Forester, Sauk Co.
Mike Mossman, DNR Research Scientist
David Werneke - Executive Director - Baraboo Range Preservation Assn.
- 11:30 Group Certification: What does this mean for HCVF on NIPF lands?**
Katie Fernholz, Dovetail Partners
Gigi LaBudde, Bison Belly Futures
- 12:30 Adjourn**



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UW-Madison students earn awards in capstone competition

A team of students from the University of Wisconsin-Madison created the first place report in the 2005 Upper Midwest Capstone Competition and another UW-Madison team took third place.

Purdue, Iowa State, Michigan Tech, and UW-Madison all have capstone courses or sequences that require senior students working in teams to integrate their knowledge of natural resources while solving a forestry problem using holistic decision-making.

This award program recognizes excellence in the final written paper from the best student teams in capstone courses. Capstone courses require students to integrate knowledge from courses throughout the curriculum, and to apply their knowledge to a complex land or resource management problem.

The UW-Madison students were seniors or graduate students when they completed their reports for the Integrated Resource Management course taught by Jeff Stier in the Department of Forest Ecology and Management.

The Capstone Award Program has been driven by the desire of forestry educators, forest industry, and public agencies for students to enter the workplace with quality instruction and educational experiences involving advanced problem solving, integration of environmental and socio-economic factors, sustaining forest resources and products, and effective team work.

Each university submits a maximum of two papers along with a summary of the objective of each paper. At the end of the academic year, a committee of industry representatives, university faculty and public agency representatives selects the first-, second-, and third-place reports.

The winning paper, titled *Ice Age State Forest Management Plan*, came with a \$1,000 award. The third-place UW-Madison team received a \$300 award for their paper titled *Twin Valley Farms Management and Restoration Plan*. Financial support for the program was provided by Mead Westvaco, International Paper and The Forestland Group. The reports and program information are online at <http://forest.mtu.edu/competition/>