



Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Newsletter

Lloyd Foe to Assume Role As Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Vice Chair

by David James, Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Chair

The Kentucky Tree Farm Committee (KTFC) is proud to announce Lloyd Foe as the 2013-2014 Vice Chair. Mr. Foe brings a significant amount of knowledge to the KTFC leadership from his consulting business Lloyd A. Foe Consulting Foresters, LLC and previous career as a forester with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Mr. Foe will serve as Vice Chair and later take the helm as KTFC Chair in 2014-2016. Please join the KTFC in welcoming Mr. Foe to his new role and responsibilities.



Lloyd Foe, 2013-2014 KTFC Vice Chair

Kentucky Tree Farm Program Statewide Assessment

by Pam Snyder, Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Co-Chair

The Kentucky Tree Farm Program (KTFP) is undergoing a statewide assessment June 4-7, 2013. Eighteen Kentucky Tree Farmers were randomly selected for the on-site visits and will be visited by foresters hired by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to complete the third-party certification process. The certification assessment team will include the inspecting forester, landowner, Tree Farm Committee regional representative, and PwC representative. The visit will consist of a quick

walk through of the property and review of the management plan. The PwC representative will be checking for landowner conformity to the requirements of the American Forest Foundation's 2010-2015 Standards of Sustainability. The objective is to highlight that Tree Farmers enrolled in the American Tree Farm program manage their lands to the highest degree of sustainability. The Kentucky Tree Farm Committee thanks all the landowners who are participating in the on-site visits.

Tree Farm National Leadership Conference

by Bob Bauer, Kentucky Forest Industries Association

The National Tree Farm Program hosted the annual Leadership Conference in February, and four people attended from Kentucky to represent our state program. The annual leadership meeting is designed to gather input from the states and provide information on program changes and future direction. The big issue this year was the review of a proposal to implement some type of dues structure for Tree Farm members.

The proposed dues structure was tested over the past year in four states across the country and consisted of four different levels of potential dues. After testing and much discussion, the unanimous conclusion by leadership was to not recommend a charge for Tree Farmers

at the present time. The recommendation will be made to the governing Board of the American Forest Foundation. Other issues discussed at the Conference related to expanding active membership in the program. Increased funding is being made available to state committees to provide educational activities to Tree Farmers and improvements are under way for the quarterly magazine and new ways are being incorporated to reach all Tree Farmers on a regular basis. Forest-certification needs vary throughout the country, so policies are being reviewed that will give states options concerning certification and associated costs. The Tree Farm program continues to look at ways to fund and support the many benefits supplied to tree farmers.



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