

A Journey of Forest Health and Silviculture: Discussions to Guide Management Decisions in the Future

Maine Division of Society of American Foresters
2023 Annual Meeting

October 10, 2023, 8 am – 4:30 pm
Wells Conference Center, Orono, Maine



AGENDA

8:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM Maine SAF Business Meeting

9:30 AM BREAK

PROGRAM

9:45 AM Program Introduction

Katie Manende, Chair, Maine Division of Society of American Foresters (Maine SAF)

10:00 AM Key Note Address



Tony D'Amato, Director of Forestry Program, University of Vermont

From past outbreaks to current concerns, how has silviculture evolved to address forest health issues proactively instead of reactively and how does that position us for the challenges of today and the future?

10:45 AM Industry Updates

Maine Forest Service –

Morten Moesswilde, Forest Policy & Management Division Director, Maine Forest Service

State of the State on Markets & Workforce Challenges –

Eric Kingsley, Vice President & Partner, Innovative Natural Resource Solutions

Workforce Development Initiatives –

Logan Johnson, Executive Director, Maine TREE Foundation

Bat Update – Cory Stearns, Biologist, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Cooperative Forestry Research Unit – Regina Smith, Program Manager, CFRU

12:15 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM Exploring Forest Health Issues in Maine –

Moderator: Allison Kanoti, State Entomologist, Maine Forest Service

1:05 PM Spruce Budworm

Spruce/Fir Silviculture Guide –

Laura Kennefic, Acting Project Leader/Research Forester, US Forest Service

Nicole Rogers, Assistant Professor of Silviculture, University of Maine

Management Perspective –

Chris Huston, Silviculture Supervisor, Irving Woodlands

2:00 PM Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

Management Options/ Actions – Harold Burnett, Forester & Owner, Two Trees Forestry

2:30 PM BREAK

2:45 PM Emerald Ash Border

Status and Strategies – Mike Parisio, Forest Entomologist, Maine Forest Service

Brown Ash Research – Tyler Everett, Ph.D. Student & Forester, University of Maine

3:45 PM Forest Health Olio Session –

What forest health issues are concerning foresters? – Panel of Presenters Q&A

4:30 PM Wrap-up, Adjourn, Evaluations and Attendance Certificates

5.5 Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) through Credits Approved