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Greetings SAF!

What a spring it has been so far! Warm weather, rain, snow, and sleet, however, not so many mosquitoes and black flies. Unfortunately, I know they are to come (although I can wish they won't!)

As has been a tradition for SAF for the last few years, we have 3 exciting spring/summer field tours scheduled for this season. Our first is set for June 29<sup>th</sup> in the Downeast Maine region, and is titled, "Fishing for Answers-Downeast Solutions for Fish Passage". Our second meeting will be a Piscataquis County based field tour on July 18<sup>th</sup> titled, "Exemplary Forestry and Wood Processing". Our third trip of the year will be a sequel to our "Rehabilitation Silviculture" meeting from last year. To be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>, the 2012 theme is "Forests through Time-Problems with Stands in Early Development". Details and registrations for all of this year's spring tours are included in this mailing. Details can also be found on the Maine Society of American Foresters website ([mesaf.org](http://mesaf.org)).

We have also started planning our agenda for the annual fall meeting, with a theme of "Forestry Innovation". A request will shortly be going out asking for your participation in this forum. The MESAF executive committee is looking for examples of challenges that you have encountered and the innovative solutions that you have developed to overcome them. We are interested in hearing your ideas covering all aspects of forestry including the use of new technology, on-the-ground practice of silviculture, harvesting systems, public relations, policy, and any of the many other aspects of our varied profession. Selected submissions of innovations will become oral presentations at the fall meeting, and all other received submissions will be collated and compiled into a booklet for distribution at the meeting to enhance technology transfer to all attendees. More information on how you can submit innovations to the MESAF board will be circulated and also found on the MESAF website.

I wish you all a fantastic, and dry, summer. I look forward to seeing you during our field meetings and our annual fall meeting.

Sincerely,

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Katie Cousins  
Chair  
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