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Greetings SAF!

After a very rainy May, I am sure you all were as excited as I to see a more promising June welcome us with some much needed sunshine and warmer weather. For most of us, it is a time to put our boots back on and charge ahead in what will be a busy summer for us all.

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 July 22nd, and will be a tour of the Bureau of Park and Land's Duck Lake Unit. Our second meeting will be August 5th at the Baxter State Park SFMA. Our third trip is still being planned, and once details are confirmed they will be posted on the MESAF website, and an additional mailing will be distributed. Details for the Duck Lake and Baxter State Park tour are included in this mailing. Our member's at large have been hard at work setting up these trips, and I hope that you all can get out to one, if not all of our tours this year.

The forestry community lost two of our own recently, John Cahoon and Hugh Violette. Both were true professionals, and were active in many organizations including the Society of American Foresters. In light of Hugh's unexpected death at the age of 28, a scholarship fund has been created in his name at UMAINE, as well as a tree memorial. For those of you who wish to make a gift in memory of Hugh, donations are being accepted to plant the memorial tree in front of Nutting Hall on the University of Maine campus. The planting is being supported by Maine SAF along with UMaine's School of Forest Resources, NERCOFE, and Orion Timberlands, all who were involved with Hugh's career. An e-mail will be distributed with more information on the scholarship and how to donate. There will also be a check box on the spring meeting forms for donations. Any funds collected in excess of the cost for the memorial tree will be given to the Hugh D. Violette 2005 Scholarship Fund, which will endow a scholarship in the University of Maine School of Forest Resources.

I wish you all a fantastic, and dry, summer. I look forward to seeing you during our spring meetings and our annual fall meeting, which we are hard at work planning. I am excited to continue working with this great network of forest professionals into my term as chair in 2012.

Sincerely,

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