



2007 MESAF Spring Meeting

Foresters and Loggers: Myths, Misconceptions, and Common Ground

EVALUATION FORM—RESULTS

SAF member responses in Dk Blue, Non SAF members in Brown, MLs in Teal.

Are you a SAF member? Yes (45) No (25) (Master Loggers not included in this group)
(8)

If not, why not?

- Not enough interest.
- Financial concern 2 years ago, I have not joined again though I intend to.
- Laziness.
- (Used to be) – expensive, less important since retirement.
- Value.
- Not an active forester.
- Money constraints.
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- Intend to join.
- Not enough time to benefit/participate.
- Involved in other organizations.
- Too expensive.
- Currently not working in forestry field.
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- Cost too much.
- Lack of time.
- I'm a logger.

Are you a Master Logger? Yes (9) No

Program:

Did the program change your opinion of foresters and/or loggers? If yes, how?

- No (27).
- No, positive already.
- Yes, the ones I met here work very well with one another.
- It always depresses me to hear foresters saying the logger can do a better job than me choosing the trees to cut. I well understand the time constraints foresters are usually uner, but that does not mean they can't do a good job marking the harvest? No wonder our profession is disappearing: we have abdicated it to landowners and loggers! (Sorry you asked.)
- Raised esteem higher.
- No, there are good loggers and bad loggers. We saw the good ones today. I'm sure there are many more.
- Yes, strong preference for working with foresters.

- No. It did concern me that one forester said give the harvester operator a short training lesson and they are all set to conduct a verbal prescription. Forest management (silviculture, etc.) is separate and completely different than harvesting timber.
- My opinion of loggers has changed in that I can see now that much has changed regarding willingness to achieve the desired outcomes/results in harvesting.
- Not really.
- No, don't think so.
- <blank> (9).
- No (19).
- Not particularly—Good relationships between the two is becoming more important than ever.
- Yes, lots more cooperation between than I expected.
- <Blank> (4).
- No (6).
- <blank> (2)

In which types of stands and prescriptions should the timber always be marked by a forester?

- When logger is inexperienced.
- Depends on wood in original stand/site.
- No set rule.
- When the forester is responsible for the harvest and when landowner is cautious or skeptical.
- 1 reason—any stand that is not homogeneous.
- High value/complex stands.
- High value and sensitive areas, in stands where prescription is too complex to explain, when working with “new” loggers.
- Stands of high value timber should be at least partially marked so that the loggers know what is wanted.
- Mixed stands + high merchantable
- Difficult to make judgments—need to adapt to each individual site.
- Highly variable with sensitive areas.
- High value/quality in residual stand.
- Stands that the landowner mandates marking. All others might be able to be approached different ways depending on many factors.
- Hi-value pine and northern hardwood.
- Everything but clearcut.
- High value stands should be marked.
- Whenever the landowner is convinced it pays.
- Depends on relationship of forester/logger. Perhaps high value stands.
- Marking can be used to control the amount of volume harvested. If the forester & logger don't have relationship of trust, when the volume & products that are to be cut matter for the long-term productivity of the stand/lot.
- There are no situations where “always” applies.
- Nearly all.
- None.
- 50%
- Stage 1 shelterwood.

- All.
 - Crop tree release.
 - Thinnings.
 - Always? Never. However in high value stands it's a good option.
 - Thinning young sawtimber.
 - White pine.
 - All.
 - An that aren't a simple treatment, such as OSR or cut BF and PO only to a residual basal area.
 - None—forester choice.
 - When the landowner insists.
 - Not enough room here.
 - Shoreland zoning, riparian zones.
 - Sensitive or extra high value.
 - When the landowner insists on it. Resource Protection Districts.
 - <blank> (7)
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- Near water, with high value trees, with new logger.
 - Never say always/never say never/it would depend on my walk through of the stand.
 - High value stands or landowner objectives.
 - High value stands (2).
 - High value stands, sensitive areas, visual areas.
 - Depends—hardwood shelterwood, yes. Groups, no.
 - Depends.
 - When specific goals must be attained & individual tree selection is a priority (crop tree, sp regen requirements, maintaining diameter distributions, etc.)
 - Marking should be done in most stands.
 - Not "always"; But sometimes; Like when the choices are tough, when high value trees are involved, & when a landowner requires it.
 - High value stands that need value left.
 - None.
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 - All.
 - Highest of high value—I think you can have a stand where forester instructions cover lower value stems/species + some marking can be done in high value.
 - As many as possible, depends on site and crew.
 - When the landowner desires and highly sensitive areas, examples: around water bodies, buildings.
 - <blank> (7).
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- None
 - Depends on the stand of wood and landowner.
 - When forester wants to control the harvest.
 - No set rules for me.
 - I don't think wood needs to be marked. But if it is marked, the logger is more productive.
 - It depends—I mark most of the wood we cut.

For loggers: What percentage of the harvest areas you work in are marked?

- 85%
- 80% (I am a licensed forester who also logs).
- 20%
- 10%
- 5%
- 0-10%
- None. (3)

For foresters: What percentage of your harvest areas are marked?

- 100% (1) (3)
 - All—USFS (2)
 - 99.9 (1)
 - 90% (1) (2)
 - 85% (1)
 - 80% (4) (1)
 - 75% (2)
 - 60-70% (1)
 - 50% (2)
 - 40% (1)
 - 37% (1)
 - 30% (1)
 - 20-30% (1)
 - 20% (1)
 - 15% (1)
 - 10% (1) (2)
 - <5% (1)
 - 1% (1)
 - <1% (1)
 - 0.05% (1)
 - Low % (1)
 - 0% (2) (7) (one does own cutting)
 - N/A (3) (8)
 - <blank> (4) (5)
 - Any clearcuts and overstory removals.
 - Retired.
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Arrangements:

Were the snacks and lunches adequate?

- Yes. (19). (30) (8)
- Yes, very good. (2).
- Ok. (1)
- Excellent. (2)
- Very much so.
- VG
- <blank> (1).
- More than (2).
- Yes, nice.
- Yes very good water, water!
- Good.
- Yes, the sandwich was delish!
- My compliments to whoever arranged the lunches!
- Great.
- Very.

Was the meeting worth the registration cost?

- Yes (20). (35). (7).
- No (2).
- +/-
- So so.
- Yes, but please don't pay full amount to Cyr Bus.
- As a SAF member, yes.
- Yes, but not enough content.
- Yes, but the content/travel time ratio should be higher.
- Yes—for a large group need to have everyone's attention before presenting begins.
- Yes, but MESAF should do theirs at cost.
- Absolutely.
- Definitely.
- Yes, but need to get more licensing credits each day time.
- Ok. (1)
- Yes, very worthwhile.

What was your primary reason for attending this meeting? (please circle one)

<u>Topic</u>	(12)	Although the meeting was not on the subject advertised in the flyer. I was misled to	
		believe the discussion would be on certification. (1)	(17) (7)
<u>Location</u>	(3)	(2)	(0)
<u>Licensing Credits</u>	(14)	(18)	(4)
<u>Networking</u>	(6)	(17)	(2)
<u>Other</u>	(0)	(1) further education.	(0)

Future Meetings

- Too many people for one group in the woods.
- Speakers should use microphones. Politely ask some to be quiet—too many side conversations.
- How about a map—DeLorme with stops marked on it?
- Thanks very much.

Are there any issues that surfaced at this meeting that should be followed up on with a future meeting?

- <blank> (16). (27). (4).
- (No). (2) (2). (2).
- None that I can think of.
- What control do or should a forester have over the contractor.
- Continued joint meetings with loggers.
- Yes—discuss mark to leave.
- How N. American forestry issues are being affected by the “new” global economy.
- Operating in difficult terrain.
- Certification.
- Stream crossings
- Have a DeLorme map of the stops to assist those that do drive in light of the inevitable separation from the bus.
- Too much bus time.
- More credits in one location.
- Vernal pools.
- Yes, stumpage sales vs. service contract, which is better for the owner of the woodland?
- Only one person talking at each stop, not a dozen.
- Too much drive time.
- More loggers and meetings with loggers.
- Less travel time.
- Generational change in ownership. How to bridge gap between generations.
- Economics of marking/cost-benefits.

- More of the same.
- The emphasis on marking was too much. It masked the real issue of mutual respect. Who pays for the values everyone wants—landowner—logger—society—etc.
- Myths/Misconceptions/Common Ground.

What topics should SAF consider for future indoor meetings?

- <blank> (16). (27). (5).
- Making good silviculture pay.
- Stay outdoors.

- Dealing with the “public”.
- Yes.
- What issues are there between landowners and foresters.
- Requirements for Master Logger and other logger training requirements and programs,
- Wetland identification and vernal pool management.
- Current landowner changes.
- Silvicultural treatments.
- Certification, SFI, FSC, certified markets.
- Markets→how this industry changes/adapts. Land ownership & Management trends—would be great to hear from TIMO persons.
- Credentialing; ethics—esp. ethics of the forestry business in modern times.
- What is going to happen to land belonging to small ownerships?
- CEO’s and shoreland zoning.
- Policy.
- Forester licensing board (Maine).
- Zoning, tax and land use policies.
- On-line and other digital desktop mapping & gps applications.
- Vernal pools & effects of good forestry.
- FSC certified tour.
- Importance of good boundary lines + its problems + legal consequences?
- How do we address the problem logger? Those loggers who run without a forester’s involvement and cause most of the problems in this state—over harvesting, highgrading, BMP violations, etc.
- “Planning a timber harvest”→ SFI Training.
- Mgmt plans.
- Don’t know.
- Stumpage sales vs. operated sales.
- Environmental
- Change from industry forester to TIMO forester, good or bad.
- Inside conversations: biofuel, carbon, renewable energy, carbon credits, forestry position on these.
- Regulations.
- Licensing (in conservation).
- Mgt Plans/Harvest Plans
- More of the same.
- Prescriptions for particular stand types.
- No (1).

What topics should SAF consider for future field meetings?

- <blank> (14). (7).
- How stand prescription can vary depending on various forest ownerships.
- Wildlife habitat.
- Water quality, job closeout, harvesting Great Pond buffer.
- New Equipment.
- Invasive plant spread via logging equipment & likely mitigations.
- Identification of relative tree pests and diseases for Maine’s forests.

- Explain the Master Logger program more—look at jobs. 2. Lot at vernal pools in field and discuss management ideas.
- Technology in the woods.
- Strategies to eliminate/reduce “unwanted” species that have established themselves in understory.
- Hardwood competition control measures.
- The management (and managers) of the changing forest ownerships (i.e. how the foresters are adjusting to the break up of industrial forest land holdings).
- Vernal pools.
- Certification.
- More cuttings.
- What is a selective cut, everything is a selective cut.
- Conservation—TNC, etc.—MNAP
- BMP’s, water quality, urban/suburban forestry.
- Timber harvesting for wildlife, non-timber products, etc.
- With the change in ownership in the state—the long-term effects of not doing PCT/Planting/Herbicide release.
- Don’t know.
- Working with conservation easements.
- Vernal pools & wetlands.
- How do we address the problem logger?
- FSC certified lands.
- Invasive species.
- Zoning, tax and land use policies.
- Sugar maple–Beech Mgt (Bob Wagner’s work & Huber’s work)
- Marking timber to improve growth (genetics and/or outward appearance).
- Beech mgt—CFRU research; Mgt of conservation easements.
- SAF should perhaps not consider future field meetings.
- Controlling unwanted beech in hardwood understories—pre and post harvest.

- No. (1)
- Industrial operations vs. small operations.

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Volunteer Opportunity: Would you be interested in joining the foresters in our **Forestry Education Network** who are willing to teach a topic in forestry at a local school if needed?

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