2008 Maine SAF Field Tour

Biomass Harvesting; Enhancing or Depleting our Forest Resource?

EVALUATION FORM

14 respondents

• Are you a SAF member? Yes  No  If not, why not?___________________________
  Yes: 9
  No:  5

  Cost
  Dues expensive
  Retired

Program:

• Did you learn something new and useful on the tour?
  Yes (8).
  Yes—how biomass fits into today’s forest mgt.

  Yes (4)
  Yes—biomass is more diverse than I thought—the P+C job was very eye-opening.

• Was the tour worth the registration fee?
  Yes (6).
  No Question.
  I would have paid more for a bus w/a toilet!
  N/A.

  Yes (5).

Arrangements:

• Were the snacks and lunches adequate?
  Yes (4).
  OK.
  Yes, lunches were tasty and balanced—I would eat it again.
Very.
Very Good.
Showed good innovation besides good quality.

Yes (5).

- Was the transportation adequate?
  Yes (3).
  Except seats over wheel well humps.
  Ok.
  Sure—it worked.
  Yes, the bus was fine.
  No, a bus w/ a toilet would have been much better.

Yes (5).

* Which do you prefer (please circle):

  More frequent, limited attendance, field tours?   Or   One, larger group field tour?

   (6)
   If all can go!!

Either.
This was my first tour, and I felt the group size was good.

(5)

Future Meetings

What topics should SAF consider for future indoor meetings?
Economic wood marketplace both domestic and foreign influences and its changing face.
Effects of FPA.
Further explanation of types of biomass harvest, wide variety.
NIPF issues and NTFP.
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Changing land ownership patterns and impact on wood supply.
Land ownership options for generating forest products.
Land use regulation.
Timber harvesting planning + control—Tree Growth Mgt plans
What topics should SAF consider for future field meetings?
NIPF issues, small woodlot harvesting and NTFP.
Invasive species mgt., biodiversity issues.
Other types of biomass harvest systems young stands, etc.
Examples of long–term reductions in land being withdrawn for all other purposes excluding forest mgt.

Timber harvesting—mgt plans
More harvesting techniques.
What has been the impact of limited clearcuts.
Changing market specs and impact on forest operations; timber merchandising efforts.

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