**The National Association of State Foresters' Annual Meeting**

**September 18-21, 2017 | Charleston, West Virginia**

**Growing Trees, Growing Jobs**

*No dress code is specified for any portion of the 2017 annual meeting*

**Monday, September 18, 2017**

8:00 am – 12:00 pm NASF Foundation Meeting
(Kanawha-Blue Ridge)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Invitation only lunch for
Foundation Board and Executive Committee (Hawk’s Nest)

1:00 pm – 3:45 pm NASF Executive Committee
(Cumberland Appalachian)

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm New State Forester Orientation Session
(Open to all State Foresters) (Salons EF)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Vendor recognition and welcome event (Salons AB)

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

6:30 am – 8:00 am Breakfast (Pavilion)

8:00 am – 10:00 am NASF Committee Meetings
- Forest Resource Management (Blue Ridge)
- Forest Markets (Cumberland)
- Forest Science & Health (Appalachian)
- Urban & Community Forestry (Kanawha)
- Wildland Fire (Salons EF)

10:00 am – 10:30 am Break with Exhibitors (Salons AB and Foyer/Hallway)

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Regional Caucuses with working lunch
- Council of Western State Foresters (Salons EF)
- Northeastern Area Assn. of State Foresters (Cumberland/Appalachian)
- Southern Group of State Foresters (Kanawha/Blue Ridge)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch for all other Attendees (Pavilion)
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 (Continued)

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm State Foresters Executive Session (Invitation only) (Salons CD)
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm USDA Forest Service Meeting (Invitation only) (Hawk’s Nest)
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Break with Exhibitors (Foyer)
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Leadership Reports & Partner Discussion (Salons EF)
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm President’s Reception (Pavilion)
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm Hospitality Suite (Mountain View)

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

6:30 am – 8:00 am Breakfast (Pavilion)
8:00 am – 10:00 am General Session I: Opening Remarks and Keynote Addresses (Salons CDEF)
8:00 am – Welcome and Introductions
8:30 am – NASF President’s Opening Remarks
8:45 am – Host State Forester Welcome
9:00 am – Keynote Address (Salons CDEF)

“Growing a Natural Resource Based Economy” | H. Wood “Woody” Thrasher
West Virginia Secretary of Commerce

West Virginia is blessed with abundant natural resources that provide good paying jobs and support rural communities. From mountain-top windmills to deep mines to working fields and forests, an integrated approach to land management drives the economy in one of the nation’s most forested and rural states. Growing new markets for a world-class hardwood resource will grow a vital industry.
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 (Continued)

10:00 am – Break with Exhibitors (Salons AB & Foyer/Hallway)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm General Session II: Growing an Integrated Supply Chain (Salons CDEF)

State forestry agencies employ trained professionals that provide a wide variety of forest management, wildland fire, and urban and community forestry services supporting all forests, public and private. Landowners, both public and private, provide the raw material for an industry that provides good jobs, often in rural communities with few options. Mills and markets make it economically possible for landowners to manage forests. This panel will provide unique perspectives on growing a forest-based economy across an integrated supply chain.

Moderator: George Geissler, Oklahoma State Forester and NASF Vice President
Speakers:
Tony Tooke, Chief, USDA Forest Service (invited)
Dr. Chris Zinkhan, CEO, The Forestland Group
John Crites, Chairman/CEO/Founder, Allegheny Wood Products

12:00 pm Partners/Former State Foresters Awards Lunch (Pavilion)

1:30 pm General Session III: Growing Diverse Support (Salons CDEF)

Sweeping political, economic, and demographic changes demand innovative new approaches to remain effective. A population increasingly disconnected from the land means foresters and wildland fire managers must engage new audiences to remain relevant. This panel will discuss how non-traditional approaches to a tradition-bound profession will help grow new opportunities.

Moderator: Lisa Allen, Missouri State Forester and NASF Treasurer
Speakers:
Jennifer L. Gulick, Business Developer, Davey Resource Group
Victor L. Harris, Publisher & Editor, Minority Landowner Magazine
Michiko J. Martin, Director of Conservation Education, USDA Forest Service
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 (Continued)

3:00 pm Break with Exhibitors (Foyer)

3:30 pm Session General Session IV: Growing Innovative New Approaches (Salons CDEF)

State forestry agencies provide the professional infrastructure and services essential for delivering a full range of benefits from trees and forests to the American public. Resources are limited and resource needs are great, far beyond the capabilities of any single organization. NASF and state forestry agencies lead, join, or support a wide variety of partnerships that leverage limited resources to produce the greatest impact.

Moderator: Chris Maisch, Alaska State Forester and Communications Liaison

Tom Martin, President & CEO, American Forest Foundation
Jaclyn Stallard, Sustainable Forestry Initiative/Project Learning Tree
Bettina Ring, Virginia State Forester
Brian Cottam, Utah State Forester

5:00 pm – Adjourn

5:45 pm – Gather in Lobby for Host State Dinner Transportation

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Host State Dinner - Offsite

Note for all State Foresters: NASF member and staff photograph will take place at 6 pm sharp at the state Capitol Building.

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm Hospitality Suite (Mountain View)
Thursday, September 21, 2017

6:30 am – 8:00 am Breakfast (Pavilion)

8:00 am – Networking with Exhibitors (Salons AB & Foyer/Hallway)

8:45 am – Gather in Lobby for Technical Tour

9:15 am – Depart for Technical Tour

4:00 pm – Return to Hotel

6:00 pm – Reception; Silent Auction closes

7:00 pm – Annual Banquet (Grand Ballroom)

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm Hospitality Suite (Mountain View)

Please visit the silent auction in the exhibitor area. Bid on items to support the National Association of State Foresters' Foundation!