

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FOREST SERVICE RETIREES 2009-2010 PROGRAM OF WORK (as of 9/30/09)

INTRODUCTION:

Based on our 9/7/2009 Annual Board and General Membership meeting in Missoula, Montana I have formulated this 2009-2010 Program of Work. This plan will demand full engagement of our Board and general membership volunteer efforts to achieve these goals and objectives.

There will be unforeseen significant issues and opportunities which arise. When that occurs, Board Chair Jim Golden and I will be back to our Steering Committee, all Board Members and, where appropriate and needed, our full memberships for timely discussion and decision making.

Thanks for your support for NAFSR and our program of work.

Best Regards! Darrel L. Kenops, Executive Director & CEO, National Association of Forest Service Retirees

2009-2010 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FOREST SERVICE RETIREES PROGRAM OF WORK OBJECTIVES AND DETAILS (as of 9/30/2009)

1) Steering Committee: As set forth in our by-laws establish a Board Steering Committee to assist the Board Chair and Executive Director on an as needed basis. Initial members are Board Chair Jim Golden, Past Chair George Leonard, Board members Dale Bosworth and Larry Payne, NAFSR Executive Director Darrel Kenops and Secretary Treasurer John Combes.

Steering Committee Duties are: assist in Board vacancies to be filled; secure annual financial audit; help in preparing/reviewing important reports, assessments, evaluations for full Board consideration. Help in emergency situations requiring immediate attention. Assist the Board Chair and Executive Director/CEO when necessary and called upon.

2) Member Services & Customer Satisfaction:

a) Provide timely information to our members on U.S. Forest Service & NAFSR activities and projects. Provide timely feedback from members to the Board and Staff.

b) Assess & report on membership issues and satisfaction with service provided, NAFSR activities and effectiveness

c) Publicize NAFSR participation opportunities, mission/objectives/accomplishments. Seek member volunteers and deploy to meet work plan needs.

d) Participate in trouble shooting issues needing attention which affect the U.S. Forest Service and its Missions.

3) John R. McGuire Award:

- a) Select new committee chair.
- b) Conduct outreach to raise U.S. Forest Service leaders and "on board" colleagues awareness of and importance of providing John R. McGuire Award nominees.
- c) Produce an in depth and summary documents/articles describing past award recipients & their accomplishments for use with media, partners, interested organizations and leaders.
- d) Work with U.S. Forest Service staff and leaders to prepare joint news releases, arrange presentation ceremony, and follow up activities on the recipients units.

4) Membership & Marketing Activities:

- a) Continue our Board Membership Committee with Jack Lavin as Chair.
- b) Achieve a sustainable 500 membership goal by 2010 NAFSR Board Meeting. This represents a 12% to 16% increase above the current 435 membership level.
- c) Plan and design a new membership folder; member promotional materials e.g. pins, clothing so the folder and products are available for use mid year 2010.
- d) Assign NAFSR exhibit booth responsibilities. Produce effective booth theme's and materials so they are available for the 2010 Society of American Foresters National Convention and other appropriate events. Team with the National Museum of Forest Service History for the SAF event as well as other partners for relevant events.

5) Publications, Newsletter & Website:

- a) Support our "Lookout Newsletter" and its editor John Marker and Web Master Kenneth White so both communication venues are seen as effective, important information sites for NAFSR members and other external organizations in the forestry and conservation sector.
- b) Assign responsibility for regular, timely monitoring of the NAFSR Board website section so appropriate , timely responses are provided to those seeking our help and information.

6) Issue Management/Reports; Legislative Network Support and NAFSR Committee Charters/Reports.

- a) Revise our Fire Management Committee charter and continue its work thru 2010. Work with Chair Al West to provide support and resources to prepare a phase one report on 2008-2009 activities with their observations and recommendations.
- b) Support Board Member Tom Hamilton's preparation of a NAFSR report on Woody Biomass opportunities including energy/climate change mitigation role.

Distribute the final report to NAFSR members in 2010.

c) Prepare NAFSR U.S. Forest Service Fiscal Year 2011 Proposed Budget testimony for Board review and approval. Deliver testimony to relevant committee chairs and testify in person if requested to do so. Distribute our proposed proposed budget recommendations to NAFSR members and cooperators.

d) Prepare in depth "Reforestation Backlog" background/issue paper. Seek accurate, up to date geographically specific data and U.S. Forest Service plans to address.

e) Prepare a background and current issue paper on U.S. Forest Service expanded Job Corp Center responsibilities in cooperation with NAFSR member Jim Webb. Distribute to members and cooperators.

f) Define and coordinate NAFSR's grassroots key leader/legislative contact network.

g) Prepare one pager issue/opportunities background summary papers on the following topics; 1) Wildfire Suppression Cost Budget Reform; 2) Woody Biomass product and energy opportunities in climate change legislation; 3) U.S. Forest Service Morale issue; 4) U.S. Forest Service Budget Trends & Proposed Fy 2011 Budget recommendations; 5) reforestation backlogs; 6) new "roadless rule project; 7) new "National Forest Planning Rules" project; 8) wildfire management issues of continuing concern; 9) NAFSR involvement with the U.S. Forest Service in 2011 "International Year of the Forest" activities; 10) annual reforestation certification of need in partnership with the California "Tree Trust".

7) Maintaining, Expanding coalitions, partners and cooperators relationships.

a) Work with U.S. Forest Service leaders and staff on important issues and opportunities

b) Maintain working relationships with organizations we've engaged from 2000 thru 2009. (see Executive Director's 2008-2009 9/22/09 NAFSR Board and Membership Report.)

c) Attend the Western Forestry Coalition's annual meeting's.

d) Participate in the 2009 Rural Voices For Conservation Coalition December, 2009 Oregon meeting.

e) Initiate working relationships with allied wildlife and conservation oriented organizations. e.g Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

END OF 9/30/2009 NAFSR 2009-2010 WORK PLAN