



Dakotas Society of American Foresters

1510 W. Oliver Street, Spearfish, SD 57783

March 8, 2019

Dear Friend of Forestry,

The Dakotas Society of American Foresters is the professional society for foresters in North and South Dakota. Each year, we host a conference focused on a timely, important forest management topic.

This year, the conference will be held May 1st at the Best Western Ramkota in Rapid City, and our topic will be “Protecting our Communities and Forests from Destructive Wildfires”. Fortunately, 2018 was a very wet year in the Black Hills with very few fires. However, news coverage of the devastating California fires of 2018 was a vivid reminder of fire’s destructive potential in places like the Black Hills. Dakotas SAF has compiled a diverse group of speakers, covering topics including wildfire incident management, fuels planning and mitigation, as well as public utility liability. Included with the conference is a field tour on May 2nd to review relevant examples of management within close proximity of Rapid City.

I would like to cordially invite you to join us at the event to discuss lessons learned and opportunities for improvement. Attached you will find a copy of our registration form, including a full conference schedule. Please feel free to forward this invitation to co-workers, friends, and others who may be interested.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 605-642-7741, ext 223.

Sincerely,

Derek Larsen

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Chair

Dakotas Society of American Foresters



Spring Conference “Protecting Our Communities and Forests from Destructive Wildfires”

May 1-2, 2019

Washington Room, Best Western Ramkota Hotel
Rapid City, SD

Registration

Name _____

Employer/organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Registration Type:

Early Registration: Forms received by 4/12

Late Registration: 4/13-5/1

Member = \$75 ____

Member = \$85 ____

Non-member = \$90 ____

Non-Member = \$100 ____

Attending Field Trip? Circle One - Yes No

Please send registration and checks to:

Dakotas SAF Attn: Deb Reub
2218 Jackson Blvd #10
Rapid City, SD 57702

A block of sleeping rooms is available at the Ramkota for \$69.99 per night. To make a reservation, call 605-343-8550, and ask for a room under the Dakotas Society of American Foresters.



Dakotas Society of American Foresters Spring Conference

Protecting Our Communities and Forests from Destructive Wildfires

May 1, 2019

7:30 – 8:00	Sign-in and Registration
8:00 – 8:15	Welcome and Introductions – Derek Larsen, Chair, DSAF
8:15 – 9:00	Overview, and Fire Suppression from Private Landowners' Perspective Peter Kolb, Montana State University Extension Forester
9:00 – 10:00	Incident Commanders Panel Discussion Todd Pechota BHNF Fire Staff Officer, Jay Esperance Division Director SD Wildland Fire, Ryan Melin ND Forest Service Fire Manager
10:00 – 10:30	Break and Raffle
10:30 – 11:15	Fire and Fuels Management Planning Chris White, Owner, Anchor Point Group
11:15 – 12:00	Denver Water Forests to Faucets Partnership Nathan Beckman, District Forester, Colorado State Forest Service
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	Some Perspectives on Utilities and Wildfires John Goodfellow, Owner, BioCompliance Consulting, Inc.
2:00 – 2:45	Fuel Modeling Darren Clabo, SD State Fire Meteorologist
2:45 – 3:15	Break and Raffle
3:15 – 4:00	Equipment Options and Capabilities Patrick Gayner, Vice President, Markit! Forestry
4:00 – 4:45	Society of American Foresters National Overview Terry Baker, CEO, Society of American Foresters
4:45 – 5:00	Wrap-up, Q&A, Final Raffle Drawings, Silent Auction Results

May 2, 2019

8:00 – Noon Field Trip – depart and return to Ramkota
The field trip will include multiple stops to explore recently completed fuels mitigation projects in the vicinity of Rapid City. Local professionals will provide a background for each site to promote discussion.