



SOUTHERN GROUP OF STATE FORESTERS ANNUAL MEETING
Wilmington, NC
June 3 – 6, 2024

State Forester's AGENDA

Monday (June 3)

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. SGSF Executive Committee meeting

1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration Opens

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Opening Reception

Tuesday (June 4)

6:45 – 7:45 a.m. Breakfast for all attendees

7:00 – 10:00 a.m. Registration/Info desk open

8:00 – 8:15 a.m. Opening Ceremony

8:15 - 12:00 p.m. **General Session** - Moderator – Russell Bozeman, MS State Forester
(General Assembly of all Registered)

8:15 – 8:45 Keynote Address – Songlin Fei, Director of the Institute for Digital Forestry at Purdue University

8:45 – 9:15 (remote) Mauricio Acuna - Research Professor of Automation and AI in Forest operations at LUKE

9:15 – 9:45 Alicia Peduzi - Assistant Professor, Precision Forestry, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 – 10:45 Scott Goodrick, Center Director, Forestry Sciences Lab, Southern Research Station

10:45 – 11:15 Louise Loudermilk – Fuels Work - Forestry Sciences Lab, Southern Research Station

11:15 – 11:45 Steve Poleskey – GAIA

11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Opening Lunch / Partners Lunch

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Committees Convene for afternoon sessions.

1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Committee Chairs present 10-minute work plan presentations to State Foresters
(Only Chairs attend, Committees meet separately)

SGSF Committee Reports and Requests – Reports with Q/A

Updates on Committee work plan actions

- SGSF Urban and Community Forestry Committee (10) – Seth Hawkins
- SGSF Water Resources Committee (10) – Holly Welch
- SGSF Forest Management Committee (10) – Dana Stone
- SGSF Forest Protection and Fire Committee (10) – Gail Bledsoe
- SGSF Communications Committee (10)- Elishia Ballentine
- SGSF GIS Committee (10)- Kris Robbins
- SGSF SUM Committee (10)- David Neumann
- SGSF Forest Health Committee (10)- Shane Harrington
- SGSF FIA Committee (10) – Byron Rominger

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. State Foresters Business Session (Committees meet separately)

Minutes

Treasurer’s Report

Executive Committee Report

Nominating Committee - Goeller

State Foresters discussion session on miscellaneous topics

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. State Forester Dinner and Dinner on your own

Wednesday (June 5)

6:45 – 7:45 a.m. Breakfast for all attendees

State Forester Business session continues (Committees meet separately)

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Fire Compact Meetings** – Jim Prevette, Fire Director, SGSF

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. **EPA NAAQS change Panel Discussion** – Gary Wood- Moderator, Sean Taylor – Georgia EPD,
Greg DeAngelo - Southeastern States Air Resource Managers

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 – 12:00 a.m. State Forester Liaisons meet with committees (All state foresters attend; Liaisons invite other
State Foresters to join with committees)

12:00 – 1:20 p.m. Awards Luncheon

1:30 - 2:00 p.m. **NASF President’s Report and discussion**– Scott Phillips, President NASF

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Regional State Forester Association Reports** – NMSFA, CWSF/WFLC

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Southeastern Partnership for Forests and Water** - Kathy Hawes, Coordinator

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. **SGSF Recruitment/Retention Survey** – Chelsea Ealum, SGSF Communications Director

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Inclusion Council Report** – Alicia Cramer, US Endowment for Forestry and Communities and
Terry Baker - SAF

6:00 – until **Dinner**

Thursday (June 6)

- 6:45 – 7:45 a.m. Breakfast for all attendees
- 8:00 – 12:00 a.m. State Forester Session
(Committees meet separately)
- 8:00 - 8:25 a.m. **SGSF Policy Priorities Overview** – Tim Foley, Policy Director, SGSF
- 8:25 - 9:05 a.m. **Keeping Forests Update** – Laura Calendrella, Keeping Forests Executive Director
- 9:05 - 9:30 a.m. **CAMT Team Presentation** – Jonathan Bruno, Coalitions and Collaboratives
- 9:30 - 9:55 a.m. **Washington Office Forest Service Report** – John Crockett, Deputy Chief, Director Cooperative Forestry, USFS
- 9:55 - 10:20 a.m. **State and Private Forestry Region 8 Updates** – Ken Arney, Regional Forester, USFS
- 10:20 - 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45 - 11:10 a.m. **Southern Research Station Updates** – Toral Patel-Weynand, Director, Southern Research Station, USFS
- 11:10 - 11:45 a.m. **Southern Forest Outlook** – Daniel McInnis, John Coulston, USFS
- 11:45 - 12:00 p.m. **SGSF Chair Report** – Russell Bozeman, Chair SGSF and Mississippi State Forester
- 12:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT of meeting