

**NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER, SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS
APRIL 2004 NEWSLETTER**

CHAPTER MEETING: FRIDAY, April 2nd, in SHOWLOW. We hope for a great turnout among White Mountains members! Many members are car-pooling from Flagstaff and others in N. Arizona (Prescott, Sedona, Chino Valley, Kingman) are welcome to meet us in Flag and drive over with us.

Location: Licano's Restaurant, 573 W. Deuce of Clubs, Showlow, (928) 537-8220.

- 2:30 pm Flagstaff members departure from Walmart parking lot. NAU is providing a van for those who prefer to ride.
- 5:00pm Gathering and Socializing.
- 6:00pm Dinner: Mexican buffet. Tacos, enchiladas, chiles rellenos. The cost will be \$16.00 for members and \$10.00 for students. Drinks are available for purchase.
- 6:45 pm Multiple short presentations covering diverse forest management issues related to hazardous fuels and urban interface concerns in the White Mountains and eastern Arizona. See the attached meeting announcement for details.
- 8:15 pm Departure for Flagstaff, back by 10:30.

Please respond to Patty Ringle (pringle@fs.fed.us or 527-8285) by Monday, March 29 at noon if you will be having dinner. **PLEASE MENTION WHETHER OR NOT YOU NEED A RIDE.** Members are welcome to just attend the presentation and business meeting.

MARCH MEETING

The March meeting was sponsored by the student chapter. We greatly enjoyed the raffle, perhaps the richest assortment of prizes ever at an SAF meeting! The students were able to raise funds for travel to the SAF convention. They sent a kind letter of thanks to the chapter, enclosing a framed "NAU Forestry" patch.

In his presentation, Dennis Becker, research scientist with the Forest Service, described the alternatives for utilization of the small-diameter wood being thinned in southwestern forests. Dennis can be reached at drbecker@fs.fed.us and you can see some of his research at <http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/sev/esp/1>.

Following up on our earlier discussions, Patty has posted the chapter newsletter on the Coconino National Forest website (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/about/links.shtml>) and the newsletters are also being posted on the Southwestern SAF website, <http://www.for.nau.edu/swsaf/>, under the heading "chapter news". We will continue to email the newsletter directly to you, but these websites can be handy to check on meeting locations or to refer colleagues who may be interested in SAF.

NEXT MEETING: The April meeting is our last formal chapter meeting of the spring. In the summer, Denver Hospodarsky has offered to host an informal gathering, following in the tradition initiated by Yeon-Su Kim last year. Details will be forthcoming. The next regular chapter meeting will be on September 2nd.

CONTACTS: You can reach us at Pete.Fule@nau.edu (523-1463), Denver.Hospodarsky@nau.edu, or Pringle@fs.fed.us (527-8285). Please share your suggestions or any information of interest to SAF members.

IF YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE VIA E-MAIL, PLEASE CONTACT PATTY RINGLE AT pringle@fs.fed.us

Northern Arizona Chapter SAF
April 2, 2004 Chapter Meeting
Licano's Restaurant
573 W. Deuce of Clubs Ave., Show Low

Program Topic: Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program in White Mountains Region

Rodeo-Chediski Fire Effects

(15 minutes), George Leech, BIA, Fort Apache Agency

White Mountain Communities: An overview of HFR and WUI treatments on USFS and WMAT tribal lands

(20 minutes), Ed Collins, District Ranger –Lakeside RD, A-S NFs

White Mountain Communities: An overview of HFR and WUI treatments on private lands

(10 minutes), Steve Campbell, Navajo County Office, U of A Cooperative Extension Service

Overview of industrial situation and future for small diameter wood products utilization

(15 minutes), Bob Moffett, AZ Healthy Forests Community Coalition

A-S NFs proposed long-term forest stewardship contract

(15 minutes), Jim Anderson, Forest Planner, A-S NFs

Questions and Answers (15 minutes), all panelists

SAF members and non-members are welcome!



Rodeo-Chediski Fire, 2002