

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

CHAPTER MEETING: THURSDAY, March 4th, 2004.

Location: American Legion Hall, 204 W. Birch Ave. (Note changed location.)

5:30pm Gathering and Socializing

6:00pm Dinner sponsored by NAU student chapter. The cost will be \$8.00. Soft drinks will be provided. Beer, wine, etc., will be available for purchase at the American Legion's bar (proceeds go to the American Legion). Beer and wine may not be brought in for consumption. **Bring \$\$\$ for the student raffle!**

6:50pm Brief Business Meeting

7:00pm **Dennis Becker**, research scientist with the Pacific Northwest Research Station, will discuss **Matching Utilization Options with Resource Constraints and Community Needs**. Dennis has worked extensively in Idaho and the Columbia River Basin. He is currently collecting data in three primary areas of small diameter timber utilization: (1) Elemental time-motion studies of forest harvest systems to determine harvesting costs; (2) Ways small diameter timber can be processed and linked with varying markets; and (3) How communities might capitalize on small wood processing opportunities, examining the capacity of the timber industry to process small diameter timber, and providing technical support in the development of collaborative partnerships.

Please respond to Patty Ringle (pringle@fs.fed.us or 527-8285) by Monday, March 1 at noon if you will be having dinner. You are welcome to just attend the presentation and/or business meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Steve Dewhurst, NAU Forestry professor, described forest management issues and controversies in British Columbia, with an interesting inside look into Canadian higher education.

The following items were discussed in the business meeting. If you feel any of these items needs further discussion, please let Pete know.

- **We are ready to go to the White Mountains in April!** See below.
- Denver Hospodarsky described the "Conservation for Kids Day" -- Environmental Ed for kids to take place at the Coconino County Fair this year, sponsored by Forestry professor Marty Lee, fashioned after Oregon event (free, hands-on event, no lobbying by forest industry or environmentalists).
- Pat Hall asked about sending out newsletter to expanded list, possibly posting SAF newsletter on FS website, and SAF support of biomass facility at Bellemont--to send letter out to members.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 2, in Showlow, AZ. SAF members in the White Mountains are hosting the chapter meeting. They are arranging a variety of short presentations to showcase forestry developments in eastern Arizona on Tribal, private, and public lands. We will arrange some shared transportation for members from Flagstaff, leaving about 3:30 and returning about 10:30. Members from outside the Flagstaff area are welcome to drive with us or meet us there. More details will be forthcoming!

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.