

Beyond Biohype: A Progress Report on Biomass for NC, September 10, 2008 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Program

The first woody biomass conference in North Carolina was held in March 2006 with a goal of exploring opportunities for energy production from wood. Since then, major state legislation has been passed and numerous wood-using projects are announced or under study. The goal of the teleconference is to give a snapshot of where we are in North Carolina on wood-based energy and hear some varied views on what it will mean for the state, our forests, and other wood-using industries.

Topics and Speakers

Dennis Hazel, Ph.D, Extension Specialist, NCSU Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Resources will discuss recent progress and activities related to wood-based energy in the state including adopted and under-consideration policies and legislation, wood-energy projects developed or being planned, and university activities.

Alex Hobbs, Ph. D., Associate Director, NC Solar Center will discuss the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), its development and adoptions, its key provisions, and how they will impact markets for wood-energy. He will also discuss unknowns for the future related to the bill.

Chris Hopkins, Outreach Associate with NCSU Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Resources will present updated data on estimates of sustainable biomass availability for the state and assumptions used in developing the estimates.

Bob Abt, Ph.D., Professor, NCSU Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Resources has been working with several students to look at impacts of the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) on the resource and potential interactions with traditional wood markets.

Will McDow, Environmental Defense Fund will discuss concerns increasingly being voiced about impacts on wildlife habitat, long-term site productivity, conversion of natural stands, and overbuilding demand.

Robert W. Slocum, Jr., Executive Vice-President, North Carolina Forestry Association will discuss the general state of the forest industry in North Carolina and what impacts wood-energy markets might have. He will also discuss environmental and other impacts.

Delivery

This Forestry Issues Forum will be presented in teleconference format via the NC Research and Education Network (NCREN) a two-way, interactive medium allowing participants to view speakers and their presentations as well as ask questions.

Registration and Cancellation Policy

Preregistration is required. Make checks payable to "NCSU" or pay by MasterCard or Visa. Upon receipt of registration and \$35 payment, participants will receive confirmation and teleconference location map. Cancellations received before the registration deadline qualify for a full refund less a \$10 service charge. Refunds will not be given for cancellations after Sept. 2 (substitute attendee recommended).

South Carolina participants contact:

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Special Notes

The 3-hour forum will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and end at 12:00 PM. Please allow extra time for obtaining necessary parking permit, locating visitor parking and the video teleconference site at the location of your choice. All video teleconference sites are nonsmoking and many do not allow food or drink. We will provide reasonable accommodation for persons with special needs when requested in advance of the workshop. We reserve the right to cancel any program.

Registration Deadline - Sept. 2, 2008

On-line registration with credit card:
www.ncsu-feop.org

Please indicate preferred site, check only one:

- Alleghany High School (Sparta)
 - Elizabeth City State University (Elizabeth City)
 - Gateway Technology Center (Rocky Mount)
 - Montgomery Community College (Troy)
 - Mountain Horticultural Res. & Extn. Center (Fletcher)
 - McKimmon Center at NC State University (Raleigh)
 - Southside Virginia Community College (South Hill, VA)
 - UNC-Pembroke (Pembroke)
 - Vernon James Research & Extn. Ctr. (Plymouth)
 - Western Carolina University (Cullowhee)
- Sorry to report that Brunswick Community College is not available for this month's teleconference.*

Check the fee that applies:

- Early Registration: fee paid before Sept. 2 - \$35.00
- Late Registration: fee paid Sept. 2 or later - \$50.00

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NCSU-FEOP Teleconferences

November 12, 2008: Prescribed Fire Issues
January 14, 2009: Carbon Credits Update
March 11, 2009: Right-of-Way Management
May 13, 2009: Topic TBA
June 10, 2008: Topic TBA

FEOP Continuing Education and Training

August 7-8, 2008: Registered Forester Exam Prep
August 13-14, 2008: White Tailed Deer Mgt.
August 19-20, 2008: Invasive Plants Mgt.
September 8-12, 2008: Wetland Delineation School
October 7-10, 2008: Stream Identification School
December 10-12, 2008: Accurate Forest Inventory

Upcoming Conferences:

September 9-11, 2008
Trees for an Urban Future
Greensboro, NC
September 21-23, 2008
Biomass-South2008
Raleigh, NC
October 28 - November 2, 2008
Joint Annual Meetings of the
Longleaf Alliance and Forest Guild
Sandestin, FL