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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



As my year as SESAP chair draws to a close, I would like to thank our most dedicated 50 Year Golden Members. They are; from Georgia - Arnett Mace, Jr., James Paul, Amos Connell and Earl Bennett, from Alabama - James Lowe and Jack Reichert, and from Florida - James Cochran and Floyd Marita. Please accept my warmest congratulations on your attainment of 50 years of membership in the Society of American Foresters. Thank you for your dedication, commitment, and support for all these years. Our previous Golden Members have been announced in my last Message. They are; Thomas Paul, Jimmy Hickman, Emmett Thompson, Donald Link, Stanford Tillman, Billy Arnold, General Franklin Staten, Glynn Chesser, Jack Long, Johnny Brewer, Robert McReynolds, and William Kleinhans. Also, we have three new inductees as Fellows in 2009. They are; Brian Bradley (Alabama), Robert Farris (Georgia) and Charles Houder, III (Florida). This selection as a Fellow in the Society of American Foresters is an exceptional recognition bestowed upon you by your peers for outstanding service to the Society and to the forestry profession. Fellow nominations for 2010 are open and will close on April, 01, 2010. Your certificates and lapel pins will be presented at our Annual Conference in Auburn in February, 2010. I hope to see all of our Golden Members and Fellows there.

As the Chair of SESAP, and also the Chairman of the Board of the Quality Deer Management Association, a 54,000-member wildlife conservation group, I have a number of concerns on my mind lately, some that are directly impacting our members and some that are more societal in nature. This has been a tough year for non-profits, due largely to the economic environment, and

legislation impacting charitable giving. About 30,000 501(c)(3) organizations went belly-up by the end of the first quarter, and we are on target to lose around 100,000 non-profit organizations by the time you read this Newsletter.

I can't help but wonder if the FOUNT model (Fatigued Overworked Untrained Non-Compensated Transients) utilized by the SAF during the previous three-decade decline in membership will ever be replaced. At the current pace of loss (1,500 this year alone) the SAF has about 7 more years of viability left. If you use the average annual loss for the past 28 year period, excluding 2009, net zero members occurs in 2020.

Lastly, I would like to thank my Executive Committee and all Committee Chairs that helped out so much during the past year, and also many thanks to Charles Hall and especially Doris Jefferson and the staff for all of their hard work. Hope to see you at our Annual Meeting.

### **The Man in the Arena by Mark Thomas**

Real unemployment is now at around 17.2% to 21.4%, depending on your source, although published reports are in the 10% range. These do not include the folks whose unemployment benefits have run out and are not actively seeking employment. How many forestry jobs have we lost since the mid-70's? Does anyone know? Does anybody care? I came across some data recently that indicated that in the Pacific Northwest, over 176,500 forestry jobs were lost due to the spotted owl controversy alone. The Katahdin paper mill, in Millinocket, Maine, recently shut down. This mill employed

4,500 mill workers in the mid-80's, now there are zero. The number of forest-sector jobs lost must be over one million; I can't believe that it is less. The relentless attack on forest management from environmentalists seems to be working. Forestry student enrollment is also down, according to the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs ([www.naufrp.org](http://www.naufrp.org)). In 1980, we had a high of 7,500 forestry students enrolling annually in accredited forestry schools across the country. Today, that number is around 2,000, and is I'm

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### **About the Cover . . .**

Special thanks to Auburn University for providing the cover photo of Samford Hall, a landmark on the campus. The 2010 SESAP Annual Meeting will be held in Auburn on February 7 - 9, 2010. Please make plans to attend. If you have a photo for the cover of the SE Forester, please submit to Doris Jefferson at [djefferson@asginfo.net](mailto:djefferson@asginfo.net) or mail to SESAP, P.O. Box 2945, LaGrange, GA 30241.

## Report from Council: *Mark Elliott, Council Member, District X*

Greetings from Disney World! The third quarter Council meeting was held at the national convention in an abbreviated format. So, my report to you is short.

Task Force Charters. Two Task Forces were chartered by Council. One concerns Bio-Mass for Energy which has been a topic of discussion since it is included in the new Energy bill. The Task Force will study the effects of energy policy on the nation's forests. The Forest Policy Committee and its Director, Erica Rhoad have been in contact with Congress on the issue already. They successfully worked to change the definition of bio-mass in the House bill to be more favorable for landowners.

The second Task Force concerns the Global Competitiveness of the United States Forestry Sector. It is a huge issue and the first objective will be to narrow the focus of the study, seek partners and published information that can be used and recommend a future direction for further study.

TREES ARE THE ANSWER. The Communications Committee will

kick off the TREES ARE THE ANSWER CAMPAIGN in two pilot areas. The initial campaign will be in Washington DC and Albany, NY. The campaign's objective is to promote forestry to an urban audience. Materials were available at the annual convention. Go to the national web site for more information.

Forest Policy. The Committee's report highlighted two bills of concern to forestry. The prediction is that Cap and Trade will not pass in 2009 in the Senate but it has passed in the House. Further, the Energy Bill has about a fifty percent chance of passing. More information can be found in several places such as the Forestry Source, national web site and weekly updates from Erica if you signed up to receive them.

Forest Science Board. The Board continues to seek information from you about emerging issues that you believe SAF should "get in front of" and develop a strategy to favorable to forestry.

Finally, keep your chapters active and the members engaged. Our next meeting is the SE SAF annual meeting in Auburn.

## University of Georgia Chapter Attend the SAF National Convention



Pictured from left to right: Michael Goergen, SAF CEO; Michael Ransom, Warnell student; Tim Lowrimore, SAF Georgia Division Chair; Warnell students Michael Pigott, David Verdery and Jonathan Lee; Lyons; Dick Daniels, UGA SAF Student Chapter advisor; Rey; and Farris.

Members of the University of Georgia student chapter of the Southeastern Society of American Foresters attended the SAF National Convention in Orlando, Fla., from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3. The students - who are also members of the UGA Forestry Club - met Jim Lyons, former USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment under former President Bill Clinton and Mark Rey, who held the position under former President George W. Bush. Also attending the convention were several faculty members from UGA's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources and Robert Farris, director of the Georgia Forestry Commission. UGA was the only student chapter at the convention who had personal interaction with both former Under Secretaries after they addressed the convention.

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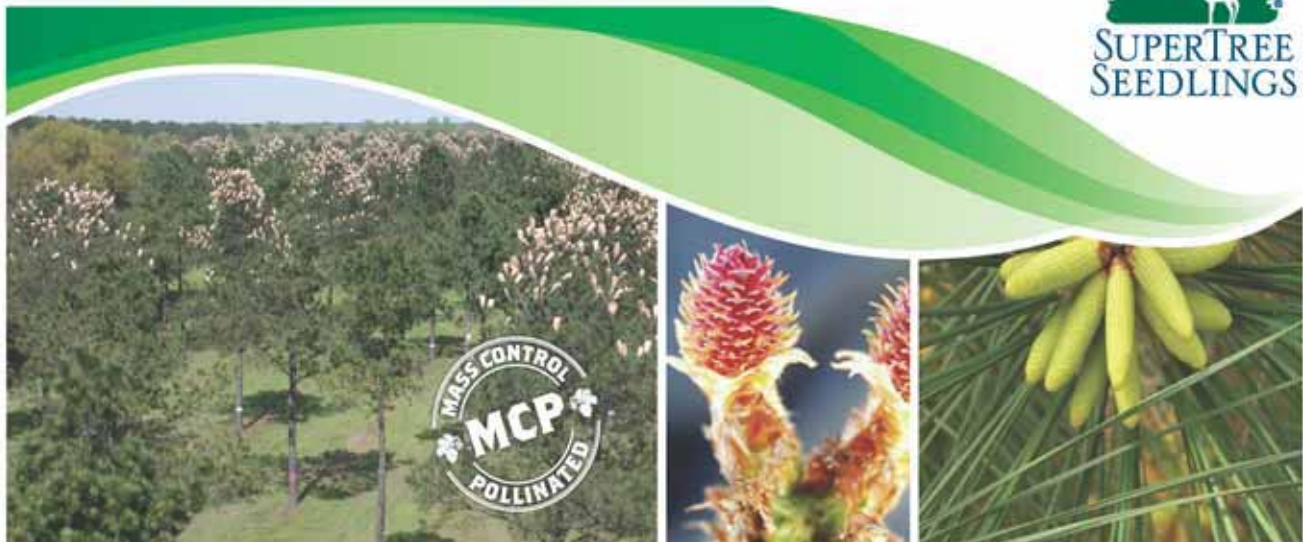


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## Report from Council - June 2009: *Mark Elliott, Council Member, District X*

My first meeting as a Council member was a bit over whelming due to the volume of business to review in a short weekend session but following is a summary.

Membership Reports to State Chairs have been delayed or not delivered due to software problems and retirement of a long time staff member. Emails of the reports encountered problems with spam filters, firewalls and incorrect email addresses. In addition, outdated software has created problems too. The current software is not able to work with the internet. State society chairs will be able to temporarily access the reports on the national website shortly. That access may be available by the time you read this report.

New software will be purchased to integrate membership and accounting databases that are currently separate. Chairs will be able to access reports as needed through a secure portal in the national website. This will take about six months to install, map over old data to the new database and train national staff.

Forest Service Funding. SAF worked with Congress in 2008 to increase funding 100% above the President Bush recommendation for the Forest Service's State and Private Forestry unit for FY 2009. Some members felt that SAF did not support adequate funding for SPF. However, SAF members employed by the FS are involved with developing the budget requests and SAF should respect their decisions. President Obama is seeking additional funding in his 2010 budget.

High Grading Position Statement. New York Council member Roger Dziengeski reported that 60% of timber sales in New York were high graded especially in hardwood stands. He requested that Council review and vote for a position statement against high grading. Such a statement could be presented to NY and other state legislatures to protect the public from this destructive practice. The position statement is being edited for further review. **Does anyone think high grading is a problem in the Southeast?**

International Trade Position Statement. Council voted to continue this position statement due through 2013. This statement supports the role of the United States in the development of policies that support sustainable forestry globally.

Bob and Ann Gregory Fund. The Gregory family will match funds raised by December 31, 2009 for an endowment. The endowment will pay the travel expenses of either a foreign forestry student or

professional to attend the national meeting. It is hoped that enough money can be raised to pay the expenses for the Orlando meeting.

The Forest Science and Technology Board submitted a list of emerging issues for Council. The list is shown in a separate article. **Can you think of any issues that SAF should be following? Let me know and I'll pass them on to the Board.**

Leadership Development. The national Leadership Academy was cancelled due to low interest. Only four officers had registered by the cut-off date. An alternate plan is being developed to hold an Academy along with the HSD meeting at the national convention. This new structure may be in place for the Orlando meeting.

2009-2015 Strategic Plan. A sub-committee of Council is working to revise the Strategic plan. The committee is seeking input regarding goals for Council and staff that will support the SAF vision and mission. I submitted membership as a goal with the recommendations made by Mark Thomas.

### **Vision**

The Society of American Foresters is the organization that represents forestry professionals, providing leadership to enable all members of the profession to achieve excellence in sustainable forestry and natural resource management.

### **Mission**

The mission of the Society of American Forester is to:

- Advance the science, education, technology and practice of forestry
- Enhance the competency of its members
- Establish professional excellence, and
- Use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

Response To HSD Recommendation on Membership. Staff comments on the proposals made to HSD by the SESAF are contained in another article.

Sale of National HQ Land. Nations Academy sought to buy the land in 2008 but could not get the financing due to the credit crisis. No offers are on the horizon currently but SAF is continuing to seek opportunities to sell the property.

Let me know if you have any concerns that I should be addressing.

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## The Man in the Arena

(continued from page 3) simultaneously stifling conservative ideology and, essentially, eliminating national discourse.

There are many factors affecting America that we should be able to openly discuss as a Society, and not simply deny their existence. As a Nation, we need to be able to discuss issues – whether they are controversial or not. According to Bill O'Reilly – *Who's Looking Out For You*, 89% of all babies born to African American women 13-24 years-old are born out-of-wedlock, 69% of babies born to teenage African-American mothers are born out-of-wedlock. African Americans comprise only 13% of the US population, yet they account for over 52% of all murders, and of the African Americans killed annually, 94% of them are killed by other African Americans. Can't we discuss this, out of love, concern, compassion? No, we will be labeled as insensitive, racists, and politically incorrect. This is simply inappropriate. The Great Society experiment launched by LBJ on his War On Poverty has been the cornerstone of the Democratic Party since the mid-60's has been catastrophic. By 1996, we had spent an estimated \$5.4 TRILLION tax dollars – about \$54,000 for each American household on this Welfare Entitlement system. By the end of 2007, we have spent over \$6 TRILLION tax dollars on Welfare. By the end of the first Obama administration, it is estimated that over \$15 TRILLION will be spent on entitlements, and what do we have to show for it? No significant drop in the poverty rate – 14.7% versus 14.5%. Illegitimacy increased by 500%. Divorce grew by 250%. Violent crime rose by 600%. Families without fathers increased from 17% to 40% in 1996 and to 56% today. Since 1973, we have aborted over 40 MILLION human babies in the United States alone. We have a poor record in foreign aid, as well.

Foreign aid is often counter-productive, especially if it does not create an environment for generating and sustaining private sector investment, damages governance, or makes economies uncompetitive. In countries where we have provided aid, exportable industries have systematically underperformed. Despite massive aid to Africa, they have no clothing or textile exports, and have not even begun their agricultural revolution, something that East Asian countries have succeeded in doing without aid decades ago. Environmentalist continually attack modern agricultural methodology as they do not want the quality of life to be enhanced in developing countries. There is no subject that has been so defiled by the PC movement than environmentalism.

The environmental movement was taken over by radical extremist's 40 years ago who control the elite media. They combined two philosophies of Biocentrism and Deep Ecology – collectively called "Primitive Earth Worship". Biocentrism combines Marxist materialism with spiritual environmentalism, anarchism and terrorism, environmental regulation, an assault on individual rights, and income redistribution. Yes, income redistribution has been a cornerstone of liberal thought for four decades, it is nothing new.

"Deep Ecology" is designed to return us back to the good old days of the Neanderthal, Aborigine, Bushman and Lokota consciousness. Earth First!, Greenpeace, Sierra Club, Earth Liberation Front, PETA – All truly believe that human civilization is a plague on the Earth.

Environmental Terrorist Cells were in America long before Al-Qaida. I do not differentiate between environmental groups and Al-Qaida itself. These groups are just the ecoterrorists arm of Al Qaeda like the ACLU is the legal arm of Al-Qaida.

The Greenpeace founder states "It's time for a warrior society to rise up out of the Earth and throw itself in front of the juggernaut of destruction, to be antibodies against the human pox that's ravaging this precious beautiful planet." The environmentalist won't stop until we are all driving a Hugo, eating bean sprouts 3 meals a day, and living an alternative lifestyle in an Earth-contact home made from hemp.

The majority of environmental groups believe in a theory called the "Catastrophic Cascade Theory". You can use an egg timer to illustrate it. The sand trickles down to form a pile, the pile grows, its sides grow steeper, until finally they exceed some critical slope, and there is a sudden avalanche. Each additional grain produces almost no visible effect until the last one kicks off a massive slide. (from the Danish complexity theorist Per Bak – Physicist). Al Gore firmly Believes in Catastrophic Cascade Theory and states such in his '92 manifesto, **Earth in the Balance** – "The cleavage in the modern world between mind and body, man and nature, has created a new kind of addiction," Gore explains, "I believe that our civilization is, in effect, addicted to the consumption of the earth itself." Gore goes on to say, "We have reached the point beyond which an ecological collapse is inevitable," because "we have **tilted so far toward individual rights.**" That's right, I believe Mr. Gore is using his anthropogenic global warming hoax in order to enact legislation designed to erode individual rights.

This is why the current socialist liberal political ideology is so dangerous to our society because it is anti-individual rights. This philosophy envelops every news story by the elite media, every environmental report, and virtually every socialist movement like anti-gun lobby, for example. "Disarm the evil squirrel hunters!" is their mantra. Only then can we be safe! Scientist have been wrong in the past.

Paul Broca (1824-1880) was a 19<sup>th</sup> century scientist who was an expert on craniometry (measuring cranial capacity or brain size). This science was known as craniology. His data was considered meticulous and irrefutable. He studied the difference in brain size in males and females over time. He studied 292 males, and 140 females and determined that average male brain size were 1,325 grams and average female brain size was 1,144 grams (difference of 181 grams or 14%).

He then looked at prehistoric skulls from the L'Homme Mort caves of France and, after measuring cranial capacity of 7 males and 6 females, determined that there was only 99.5 cubic centimeter difference, or about 10%. His conclusion: The increasing discrepancy through time was a result of differing evolutionary pressures upon dominant men and passive women, and was accepted at that time, and for over 100 years to come. In other words... women were declining in brain size and intellectual ability

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## Carbon Forestry: A Cautionary Note

By Roger Underwood

My position regarding global warming and climate change, and their impact on forestry is simple: it is one of fairly certain uncertainty.

On the one hand I accept that the world is gradually becoming warmer, as we continue to emerge from the last ice age. This might lead to a rise in average temperature in Australia of a couple of degrees over the next 100 years, probably through an increase in minimum, rather than of maximum temperatures. And I accept that many parts of Australia at the moment are experiencing prolonged droughts, or periods of below-average rainfall, but I cannot tell whether these are due to global warming or are just natural climatic cycles.

On the other hand I have seen no convincing evidence that global warming is caused by human emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>. And even if this hypothesis is true, the idea that Australians can fix the problem by planting trees is ambitious to the point of fantasy. The extent of tree planting needed to counteract CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Australia alone could never be accomplished without an enormous impact on the high rainfall land base. Besides, the Australian contribution to the world's carbon emissions is tiny; surely we are kidding ourselves if we think anything we do will make a difference on a global scale (other than symbolic).

I am also puzzled by the view that increased temperatures will lead to reduced rainfall. Across geological time the reverse has always been the case, with the driest climates being associated with the times of coolest temperatures.

Nevertheless, I acknowledge current political and media hysteria about climate change. It has taken on a life of its own. The situation is made worse by the fact that the world's smart moneymen see the thing as a business opportunity, a way to get richer. Banks and financial institutions are not just capitalising on global warming hysteria, they are promoting it. Others also have their snouts deep in the trough. Green academics love global warming - not only is it a source of very large research grants, it is a heaven-sent opportunity to drive the final nail into the coffin of the native forest timber industry.

I take all this on board. It is another card which foresters have been dealt, and therefore one that we must play. I also see a positive: carbon sequestration dollars will finance new forests, and I support new forests, especially those in the lower rainfall zones of agricultural Australia.

Therefore I do not criticize foresters chasing the Carbon Goose that promises to lay a Golden Egg for Australian forestry. But I alert them to two important risks:

1. Sooner or later the carbon bubble will burst. A group of scientists somewhere, funded neither by the fossil fuel industry nor the Wilderness Society, will demonstrate that enhanced carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere have an insignificant effect on climate. Other factors will emerge which explain climate change with far greater scientific credibility.

Unfortunately such research is unlikely to be accepted in the short term. Too many political, academic, scientific and media reputations have been harnessed to the carbon wagon, too many dollars invested in phony alarmism. Nevertheless, our profession must recognize that the science underpinning "carbon-pollution" is flimsy in the extreme, and is contested by many expert and experienced scientists.

2. Foresters will be employed to provide credibility to carbon forestry schemes designed by non-foresters, notably lawyers and accountants. I have seen many such schemes over the years. Their objective is to make money for the scheme promoters, not the investors; nor do benefits to the environment figure highly in the promoters' inner thoughts. If good forestry outcomes arise, they are an incidental by-product. I have also seen forestry schemes designed by environmentalists and the profession needs to beware of these as well. Some environmentalists are just as unscrupulous as any crooked lawyer or accountant, because they also subscribe to the philosophy that the ends justify the means. I have observed foresters caught up in poorly-designed and ill-managed forestry schemes who believe that they can put the promoters on the straight and narrow. The far more usual result is that they become collateral damage when the scheme implodes.

When I was a young forester I was taught the principles of good forestry by Max "Doc" Jacobs and other mentors. They preached the need for (i) *secure forest tenure*, to ensure forest management objectives can be achieved over long time periods; (ii) *regeneration* of the forest after disturbance such as timber harvest, to ensure permanence of forest ecosystems; and (iii) *protection* of the forest from injurious agencies, especially fire. To these can be added a new mantra aimed at plantation forestry: (iv) *the right species* for the site; (v) *management* for fire, nutrition, pests and disease; and (vi) *research and monitoring* to provide continuous improvement and feedback on actual outcomes.

I urge foresters to remember these principles and apply them religiously if they become involved in carbon sequestration forestry schemes. This will ensure less risk of golden egg yolk on the professional face.

Finally, I urge foresters to oppose single-purpose forestry, so beloved of environmentalists and academics. Quite frankly, the concept of growing tree plantations for the sole purpose of providing a carbon sink is ridiculous and an insult to our profession and to the community. The so-called "conservation forests" are both an illusion and a contradiction. In the first place they are based on the assumption that forests in Australia do not suffer bushfires. At the same time we hear that carbon-sink forests are being established to fight a problem which is causing bushfires to become more numerous and intense! These schemes also ignore the fact that timber harvested from sustainably-managed plantations provides an industrial substitute for steel, aluminium and concrete, all of which are environmentally unfriendly in every respect you can imagine, including massive carbon dioxide emissions during manufacture.

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## Forest Bioenergy Update

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#### Industry Development

While interest in liquid biofuels remains strong, recent bioenergy developments in Georgia have focused on biopower (electricity) and manufacturing of wood pellets. The anticipation of policy-driven renewable energy standards both in the U.S. and Europe has encouraged this focus.

Plans for multiple large scale commercial biomass-to-electrical power plants have been made in Georgia. Seven different companies have announced plans to build multiple new plants or convert existing coal plants. These companies are in various stages of development. Multi Trade Corporation will begin producing electricity this month at their Rabun Gap facility. It will be the first stand-alone biopower plant in Georgia.

Appling County Pellets and Briar Creek Pellets are manufacturing and shipping product, while several other pellet companies are seeking contracts and financing.

Construction has ramped up at the Soperton Range Fuels site with equipment and buildings becoming apparent in the industrial landscape. C2 Biofuels continues to pursue funding sources for its enzymatic hydrolysis wood chip conversion process.

#### Resource Assessments

The GFC provides guidance to developing industry by performing

assessments of forest biomass availability for specific sites. Analyses of resources around ten sites across the state have been recently performed. Other information is provided to prospective industries including a directory of biomass suppliers, potential sites, and state and federal incentives in cooperation with the state and local economic development agencies.

#### Incentives to Supply Biomass

The wood residuals Georgia state income tax credit is available to biomass suppliers of biopower facilities qualified by the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA). The GFC will certify delivered wood residuals that will result in a \$5 per ton tax credit. For updates on GEFA qualifying facilities go to [www.gefa.org](http://www.gefa.org).

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) is establishing a Biomass Crop Assistance Program that will provide payments to biomass suppliers of bioenergy facilities who have established agreements with FSA. Rules for this program are currently being established. See [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) or your local FSA office for details.

#### Research

The results of the Pellets-for-Pullets research project show heating system cost reductions and improved environmental conditions inside the poultry houses when using wood pellets or shavings for fuel instead of propane. Specific results are available upon request.

## Hancock Promoted, Relocating to F&W's Albany Headquarters

Lawrence Charles ("Chad") Hancock, III, manager of the Macon, Ga., office of F&W Forestry, Services, Inc., has been promoted and assigned additional management responsibilities with the company and will relocate to F&W headquarters in Albany, Ga.

Hancock will continue to manage F&W operations in Central and North Georgia in addition to assisting in the management of the Albany operations. He will work closely with F&W's Albany area manager, Burke Walters, in client forestland management in Southwest Georgia. The Macon office will be closed.

Established in 1962, F&W is one of the nation's largest and oldest forestry consulting and management firms.

A native of Albany, Hancock began his career with F&W in 1995 and has held several positions within the company, most recently in Macon. Before coming to F&W, he worked as a forester for Pioneer Forest Management in Albany.

Hancock holds degrees in Forest Technology from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Business Administration in Finance from Valdosta State University. He is a Registered Forester, Licensed Real Estate Salesperson, and a Certified General Real Property Appraiser in Georgia. He is an active member of the Georgia Forestry Association, Society of American Foresters, and Forest Landowners Association. He has been a member of Kiwanis since 2003 and was most recently on the Board of Directors with the Kiwanis Club of Macon.

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## Fellow Nominations Needed

Now is the time for all good SAF foresters to reflect on who should be nominated for the honor of the member grade of Fellow within the Society. It is a distinct recognition that you have accomplished far more than what was required in your professional job and that you were active in SAF leadership throughout your whole career.

On the SESAf website, [www.sesaf.org](http://www.sesaf.org), click on the Awards and Fellows button and you will see links to the current Fellows. You will also see three pdf forms you can download:

- **Biographical and Professional Information**

To be completed by the Nominator

- **Fellow Nomination Consent Form**

To be completed by the nominee

- **Fellow Nomination Instructions**

Provides info on the criteria on which the Nominee will be judged by the District Fellows Committee, and the documentation needed to support the nomination.

If you don't have email, call Doris Jefferson at the SESAf Business Office at 706-845-9085 and she will mail you the forms. Completed forms should then be returned to the Business Office, P.O. Box 2945, LaGrange, GA 30241 or they may be faxed to 706-883-8215.

If you have email, the preferred form of submission is electronically. It is much less expensive than mailing, and it can be forwarded through the various lines of review much easier.

## Carbon Forestry: A Cautionary Note

*(continued from page 8)* No forester should need to be reminded that well-managed forests can provide a full range of benefits - everything from timber to catchment protection, to biodiversity, to recreation and to carbon capture. But it is not enough to just know this. We should be standing up and fighting for it, not meekly allowing the moneymen, academics and environmentalists to take the community down a primrose path.

There are opportunities as well as risks to the profession in the new 'carbon forestry' schemes. To minimize the risks, foresters must see themselves neither as blockers nor boosters, but as "professional opportunists", capitalizing on new funding opportunities to

You have from **now until April 1** to get the forms to Doris. Please don't procrastinate. If you submit a nomination, and the Committee feels additional supporting information is needed, you will be given the opportunity to forward more documentation to us. However, if we receive the nomination at the end of the time period, there may not be time to get back to you and the nomination may not get a positive vote.

Please call any of us on the District Fellows Committee with questions. Our contact information is listed below:

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expand the Australian forest estate, but trying to ensure the work is done properly, according to well-tried forestry principles. Our aim should be to ensure that in years to come the profession will be looked back upon as people who could see the big picture of multiple use forestry, and were not seduced by the siren call of easy money based upon half-baked science.

*These thoughts were presented to a conference at Caloundra in September 2009 organized by the Institute of Foresters of Australia. Roger Underwood is a Fellow of the Institute, the 2008 N W Jolly Medalist and a former district, regional and research forester in Western Australia.*

## Paul Scott Zobel Passes

Paul Scott Zobel "Scott", 51, of Callahan, Florida passed away November 4, 2009. He was born September 6, 1958 in Orlando, Florida to Zoe Ann and James Adolph Zobel. Scott earned a Bachelor's degree in Forestry at the University of Georgia and a Masters in business administration at Jacksonville University. He worked as the Nassau County forester, with Stone Container, and seventeen years with Rayonier in Fernandina Beach, Florida and Offerman, Georgia. He received numerous achievement and recognition rewards from Florida Division of Forestry, Stone Container, and Rayonier. He is survived by his parents: James and Zoe Ann Zobel; his wife of 26 years: Karen Denise Zobel; two daughters: Kayla and Mallory Zobel; one sister: Gail Moore; one brother: Bruce Zobel; four nephews and one niece. Honorary Pallbearers: Brad Henslin, Aaron Henslin, Tom Termer, Ryan Williamson, Marshall Coile and Mark Morash. The Memorial Services was held Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 11:00 AM at First Baptist Church of Callahan with Rev. Todd Carr officiating. Contributions may be made to West Nassau High School Band Boosters. Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest register at [www.nassauffh.com](http://www.nassauffh.com).

## Florida Division Presents Annual Awards at SAF National Convention

Public recognition has been a long time coming for this year's Florida Division award recipients. Due to cancellation of the SAF/SFRC Spring Symposium, the Division's annual business meeting, along with the presentation of awards, was conducted on October 1 in conjunction with the SAF national convention at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. Don Rockwood, chair of the awards committee, announced the awards.

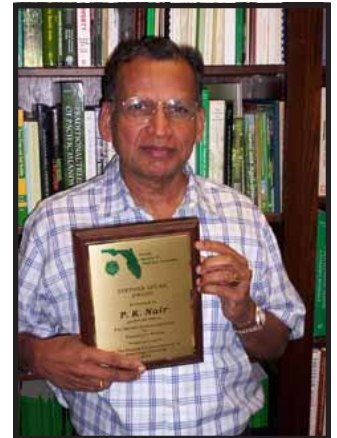


**Kimberly Beebe** is the recipient of the Florida Division **Young Forester of the Year Award** in recognition of demonstrated leadership in forestry and community and active participation and outstanding achievement in professional and civic organiza-

tions. Kim was born and raised in Plant City. During high school, she was active in Future Farmers of America (FFA). While earning an AA degree from Tallahassee Community College, she worked for the Division of Forestry (DOF) in Tallahassee. After completing her BS in Forestry at the University of Florida (UF), she joined DOF as the Citrus County Forester, which she has been for the past 4.5 years as well as currently serving as Hernando County Forester. Kim has been active with FFA, has helped annually at the Summer Forestry Camp, and also helps and sometimes coordinates the regional forestry contest. Kim works very closely with the Extension Service in Citrus County, which requires her to stay knowledgeable in both urban and traditional forestry practices. Kim is a certified wildland firefighter and routinely assists with prescribed fires. She serves as the Ordering Manager on DOF's Red Incident Management Team and in this capacity on several wildfire and hurricane recovery incidents. Kim is a Project Learning Tree facilitator and routinely assists local teachers with environmental education. Kim joined the Caribbean chapter after graduation and in 2006-07 was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Chair-elect in 2008, she has been involved with the Walk In the Forest event and with the student chapter at UF/Plant City. Kim has also helped FFA chapters at local high schools, has been involved with many Arbor Day plantings and celebrations, and has taught part of a landscape design class at the local UF/Extension office. She has worked with Habitat for Humanity, coordinating landscaping and tree planting projects with local Garden Clubs. Kim and her husband Billy are actively involved in their local church with the youth group.

**P. K. Nair** receives the Florida Division **Stephen Spurr Award** for technical contributions to forestry in Florida. Dr. Nair is a world-renowned agroforestry expert with over 30 years of experience, including nearly 20 years at UF in research, education, and research coordination. Distinguished Professor of Agroforestry and International Forestry with the School of Forest Resources and Conser-

vation at UF since 2001, PK is also an Affiliate Faculty member in the Agronomy and Soil & Water Science Departments. He is the director of the Center for Subtropical Agroforestry (CSTAF, which consists of about 40 collaborators from 5 universities and other institutions in the Southeast). Dr. Nair has won several major national and international awards and recognitions for his path-breaking research and other contributions to agroforestry development. The output of the CSTAF team under PK's overall guidance exceeds 28 refereed journal articles, 6 book chapters, 12 graduate theses and dissertations, 6 factsheets, and 7 newsletters based on agroforestry research undertaken in Florida. This research included studies of competition between crops and trees, alley cropping pine with cotton and pecan with cotton, silvopasture systems including cattle, goats, longleaf pine, slash pine, and loblolly pine, economic studies of silvopasture, and the benefits of agroforestry systems in mitigating nutrient loss from agricultural lands. PK's work in Florida is currently focused on the potential of agroforestry systems to sequester carbon.



**Gary Beauchamp** is the recipient of the Florida Division **C. Huxley Coulter Award** for contributions to the profession of forestry. Gary was born in Chiefland and earned an AA degree at Central Florida



Community College and a BS degree in Forestry at UF. He began with DOF at the Blackwater District in 1973 and shortly thereafter became the Marion County Forester, a position he held until 1987. During 1987 and 1988, Gary served as the acting District Forester for what was then the Ocala District. In

1988, he became the Marion County FAS. Gary was promoted to his current position of Forestry Operations Administrator in 2001. Gary is recognized as a true leader within DOF's Incident Command Teams. He served as Operations Section Chief from 1996 to 2000 and Incident Commander of the Red Team from 2000 until 2009. Gary led the Red team through several difficult deployments to various emergencies ranging from fires to floods and hurricanes throughout Florida and the United States. His successful

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### Georgia Annual Meeting A Success

On August 24 and 25, more than 65 Georgia Division SAF members gathered at Sea Palms Resort on St. Simons Island for our annual meeting. Division members who attended listened to many speakers present on the opportunities in front of the forestry profession.

Georgia Forester's Hall of Fame inductees Kate Robie, Michael Clutter and Hank Haynes were recognized at the annual meeting for their outstanding achievements as Georgia Foresters. Inductees received a duplicate of the plaque being placed in the halls at the

Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** Next years Georgia Division annual meeting will be on Aug 23 and 24, 2010 at Lake Blackshear in Cordele. At our annual business meeting in St. Simons, the Division voted to host a joint meeting in 2010 with the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters. We hope you'll make plans to join us in 2010.

### Florida Division Presents Annual Awards at SAF National Convention

*(continued from page 13)* leadership earned the respect and admiration of each team member, as well as the people and agencies which were assisted during those emergencies. Gary has been a member of SAF since 1973 and served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Caribbean Chapter in 1979, Chair of the Caribbean Chapter in 1980, Secretary of the Florida Section in 1985, and Chairman of the Florida Section in 1986. Gary has been a long time member of the Florida Forestry Association and was recognized by the Association in 1987 as Mr. Tree Riffic. Gary has been active in the American Tree Farm System, having been selected as the 1987 Distinguished Tree Farm Inspector, Southern Region, the 1989 Chairman of the Florida Tree Farm System, and since 2005, the Florida Tree Farm Chairman for District IV. Gary is an avid Gator fan and was President of the UF School of Forest Resources and Conservation Alumni in 1989. Gary has a passion for forest history, especially regarding the turpentine industry. He respects the history of forestry in Florida, the people who made it, and he has encouraged generations of young foresters to respect and carry on the traditions. This summer, Gary and his wife Nancy celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; they have two daughters.

**BioResource Management** is the recipient of the Florida Division **Wood Utilization Award** for development of an unique use of wood. BioResource handles and manages organic materials and develops dedicated supplies of biomass, including processing and delivery of these materi-

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### Georgia Division to Develop By-Laws

A task force being led by Tim Lowrimore (2009 Chair) has been created to develop Division by-laws. The goal is to draft by-laws by the end of the 2009 and to distribute the by-laws to Division members through [www.gasaf.net](http://www.gasaf.net). Comments will be received through 2010. A final vote by the membership to adopt the by-laws will be held at the 2010 annual meeting at Lake Blackshear.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Shirley A. Barksdale Foundation Property: Big Bend, Flatwoods and Suwannee Chapters

On Thursday, October 8, 2009, the Big Bend Chapter joined with the Shirley A. Barksdale Foundation of Madison County, FL to host a multi-chapter meeting at the Barksdale Farm near Pinetta, FL, not far from the Georgia-Florida line.

The meeting introduced the members of the Big Bend, Suwannee, and Flatwoods (Ga. Division) Chapters to an opportunity to partner with other local civic and social groups in developing the 240-acre farm/forest property as a place for special needs children in Madison and surrounding counties in Florida and Georgia.

The property belonged to Ms. Shirley A. Bacigalupo Barksdale, a former special education teacher in Jacksonville who purchased the property when she returned to Madison after her retirement in the 1980s. At the time of her purchase the property consisted of the original house, a smokehouse, barn, and chicken coop. Having no children of her own, and being the last remaining member of the Barksdale family, Ms. Barksdale left the property and structures in a trust to Madison County when she died in 1994. Her last request was that the property be used as an educational and recreational facility for special needs children in the North Florida/South Georgia area.

Madison County officials were caught off-guard by the gift and had to quickly draw up a charter for a governing board and develop a strategic plan for the property to satisfy probate litigation requirements. Dave Lewis, SAF member and partner with *Southern Forestry Consultants, Inc.* drew up a Forest Management Plan during the first year and the Barksdale Foundation, with the help of the Madison County Department of Corrections, the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Madison, and other local civic organizations, has been able to make improvements to the property.



Dave Lewis, Big Bend Chapter member, offers some insight about the role of the SAF in the development and use of the Barksdale Farm. The audience is made up of members of the Big Bend and



The epitaph inscribed on Shirley A Barksdale's tombstone in the family cemetery on the Barksdale Farm reveals her desire to leave a lasting heritage to the needy children of her community. SAF Chapters will help with the educational, recreational, and forest management aspects of the property development.

They removed and thinned some of the mature timber to generate revenue to pay for some of the improvements and have re-planted longleaf pine. With money from a Madison County Historical Society Grant they've rebuilt the old house, including the installation of new electric fixtures and a new air conditioning system, and repainted the exterior walls. They also moved an old tobacco barn and one of the first Work Program Administration (WPA) houses - constructed for workers during the Civilian Conservation Corps days - to the house site to replicate that historical era. At the time of our meeting work was finishing up on the installation of a separate bathroom structure, fitted for handicap access.

The Foundation intends to use the property as a resource to implement life skill training and healthy life style programs for organizations working with special needs children. Through an aggressive outreach program the Foundation is regenerating new interest in the property from local groups such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, the Kiwanis, Rotary, and Garden Clubs of Madison, the Pinetta Volunteer Fire Department, and local Chapters of FFA. These partners will help with the development of hiking trails, a working farm and community garden, an education center, and recreational and picnic areas on the property.

SAF volunteers will help with the management of the forest resources, in the development of hiking trails, establishing boating/fishing activities on the 2-acre pond, and with conducting "Walk-in-the-Woods" and PLT activities for school-aged children at times throughout the year. A local SAF member will sit on the Foundation's Board of Directors to maintain a contiguous presence from one year to the next. For more information on this project, please contact Tom Gilpin, 850/410-8003

**War Eagle Chapter** The War Eagle Chapter held its final meeting of 2009 on November 10, at the U. S. Forest Services' George W. Andrews Forestry Sciences Lab in Auburn. The program was presented by Dr. Robert Tufts on the topic: "Recent taxation developments important to foresters and forest landowners." Dr. Tufts, who is both a forester and an attorney, covered issues in federal income and estate taxation. During the business portion of the meeting, the members voted to make a \$250 donation to the East Alabama Food Bank and elected Chapter officers for 2010. The new officers are Ed Loewenstein, Chair; Erm Venuto, Chair-elect; and Bob Lowe, Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. David South, who is program chair for the 2010 SESAF meeting to be held February 7-9 in Auburn, provided an overview of the up-coming meeting.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Flint River Chapter - GA



The Flint River SAF chapter met on August, 17th at Cedar River Seafood in Moultrie, GA. The program consisted of managing your lands for wildlife and re-establishment

of native warm season grasses. The presentation on Wildlife was presented by Jason Lupardus from the Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources. The presentation of re-establishing native grasses was presented by John Cox of Lolly Creek, Inc. Approximately 20 foresters attended each receiving 2 hrs of Category 1 CFE credits.

### Chattahoochee Chapter (GA)

The Oct. SAF was held at the Trees Atlanta Building on Oct. 27, 2009. The speakers were Jason Watson - Clonal Seedlings and John Pait - Varietal Forestry and Biomass. Both Jason and John are employed by CellFor. We also discussed the final arrangements needed for the Walk in the Forest for next month.


### Oconee Chapter - GA

Getting forestry professionals together in northeast Georgia has been a primary objective for the Oconee Chapter SAF in 2009. Once again the Chapter has been successful in this endeavor, averaging about 25 in attendance at the five meetings completed through September. Perhaps it's the variety of programs that offer continuing forestry education credit that have brought together this group, but one might decide some excellent food like BBQ, low country boil, or a mountain buffet by the Hiwassee River after a few hours of trout fishing is the drawing card.

Whatever the combination, the Oconee Chapter strives to offer a bi-monthly opportunity for professional foresters to gain knowledge and insight into new technologies and the challenges for the profession. The University of Georgia Student SAF Chapter has also been an active participant with the Oconee Chapter. Its members have co-hosted two meetings in 2009 at Flinchum's Phoenix, and had student members attend other meetings, providing the opportunity for the generations to share and swap knowledge.

The Oconee Chapter is looking ahead to another successful year in 2010, with Pat Hopton serving as program chair and Dick Rightmyer continuing as secretary-treasurer. A Chapter chairperson should be in place before the new year begins to provide leadership at this local level of SAF. Meeting plans will be posted to the Georgia Division SAF website in the next few weeks.

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## The Man in the Arena

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while men were advancing. Imagine, a man coming up with that! Broca was wrong, of course, for two reasons. First, there is no correlation between intelligence/brain size, and, second, he failed to factor in the average smaller body size of women.

What about evolution? The news media and the secularist talk about it all the time. How do you define Evolution? The Secularists in our society, Atheists, socialist liberals, elite media, Hollywood community, entertainment industry, and many environmentalist, many teachers, and, interestingly enough, the majority of theologians, define it as man descending from the Orang, the Ape. Their “bible” (excluding the theologians) is Charles Darwin’s **Origin of Species and The Descent of Man**, and they worship this book just like Christian’s worship God and utilize the Bible.

I define it very differently, simply as the God-given ability of species to adapt over time in response to changing environmental conditions. We are all evolving all of the time. Evolution does not mean that all human life on the planet derived from monkeys. If theologians and pastors could accept and expand this definition, instead of siding with the atheists, in a way that would be palatable to their existing congregations, our nation’s churches could literally not hold the throngs that would come to hear the message. And I firmly believe that. Instead, we fall into the atheists trap.

I believe that the Earth is approximately 5.2 Billion Years Old. Life, as we know it, started around 375 MYA. During the Mesozoic Era, 160 MYA, Gymnosperms (naked seed plants – pine) were created. Later, roughly 65 MYA, during the Tertiary Period, the more advanced and complex Angiosperms, flowering plants, were created. In between, during the Cretaceous, Jurassic, and Triassic Periods, cephalopods lived. During the period the Angiosperms were created, sharks lived in north Alabama. Am I to hold these in my hands while simultaneously denying their very existence? Herein lies the dilemma.

Continental Drift and Plate Tectonics are proven facts. The two Super Continents of Pangea and Gwondonoland existed, broke up and are still drifting apart. Volcanism occurs. We need to incorporate these terms and concepts into religious nomenclature. We just don’t understand the time line. There were many Precursors of Modern Man; Australopithecines – Afarensis, Robustus, Boisei species, and more advanced Homo Genera – Habilis, Erectus, and Sapiens.

I do not deny their existence, but believe that they were all created by God. The evolution of the Earth is characterized not by stability, but by constant environmental disturbances and extreme fluctuations in animal and plant populations. Ice ages, driven by little-understood climatic and solar cycles some 100,000 years in duration, constantly disrupted plant and animal communities. During the last glacial epoch, which ended 20,000 years ago, two huge ice sheets up to three miles thick covered North America as far south as Wyoming, Missouri, and Connecticut. Sea levels were 400 feet lower than they are today. Random disturbance, not permanence or order, governs nature. Biodiversity is, in fact,

associated with unstable communities. Species Extinction is part of the natural process. Neanderthals went extinct around 32,000 years ago. Extinction is an integral part of evolution and is a natural process. Nearly ALL the creatures that have ever lived are now extinct. They became extinct prior to man’s dominance of the planet. Extinction is the most natural process in nature. Extinction is mandatory in order to make room for the creation of new species, which constantly occurs. The elite media constantly quotes the following statistics, even though there is not one shred of evidence in support, and even though they all have been proven wrong: Norman Myers’ ’79 book, *The Sinking Ark*, estimated the rate of species loss at **40,000** per year.

In ’80, *Global 2000 Report to the President*, Thomas Lovejoy predicted, “at least **500,000 to 600,000** species will be extinguished during the next two decades.” Edward O. Wilson, ’82, Harvard Professor, claimed that “we are in the midst of one of the great extinction spasms of history” and estimated that **27,000** species will be lost each year. The World Wildlife Fund, in ’92, warned that “We (i.e. Humans) may kill **one-fifth** of all species of life on this planet in the next twenty years.” All these numbers have been constantly reported by the media for the last 25 years.

However, In an exhaustive study, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, reported that “These and other data indicated that the number of recorded extinction’s for both plants and animals is very small...Despite extensive inquiries we have been unable to obtain conclusive evidence to support the suggestion that massive extinction’s have taken place in recent times as Myers and others have suggested.” Indeed, the IUCN could only verify that “**the current rate of extinction is about one species per year.**”

Congressman Dingell’s committee in ’73 – Estimated that there were only 375 animal species that were “threatened with extinction throughout the world.” Yet, no major North American grazing animal has disappeared in ten thousand years, and only five bird species are known to have become extinct in North America and Europe since 1600. In Rachel Carson’s book “*Silent Spring*”, she declared on skimpy scientific evidence that the American Robin was on the “verge of extinction”, is more abundant today and so are all forty of the bird species she said were in peril, most of them thriving. Why doesn’t the media report the truth? Because it is counter to their agenda.

The Endangered Species Act does not reflect scientific opinion. It represents the confluence of ancient conceptual streams, one religious, the other philosophical. Environmental extremists and radical preservationists have bastardized it beyond recognition, primarily in a greedy quest for money used to pay their own salaries.

Suing to save the Earth has become a lucrative business. From ’83-’87, income from court-awarded fees rose from \$117K to over \$630K in northern California alone for just one environmental group. The top 10 Environmental Organizations in the USA raised over \$300M in 1990 alone.

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The CEO's of many of these groups annual salaries exceed \$400K. In '92, the Seattle Area Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund was involved in 30 separate legal actions involving 6 major cases and made over \$56K in one case, \$220K in another, \$766K in another, \$92K in another, and over \$1 million in another. All paid for by tax dollars with absolutely NO OVERSIGHT in their expenditures. Where is the media? Where is Tom Brokaw's "Fleecing of America?"

Bloated by wealth, these mainstream environmental groups have become worse than the government bureaucracies and industries they pledged to police. The human and economic costs from environmentalism is staggering. In California alone, the total economic loss due to the listing of the spotted owl cost the state \$22.6 Billion dollars and over 176,500 jobs. This was before 92% of spotted owls were found to inhabit and actually prefer second-growth forests. One pair was found nesting in a Wal-Mart sign in an asphalt parking lot in Eugene, Oregon. One can look at the total destruction of the Yellowstone Ecosystem; over 1.4 million acres destroyed by environmental litigation that eliminated all management inputs. Yellowstone was "loved to death" by environmental extremists and radical preservationists. Preservationists promote the ideology of "benign neglect" which simply accelerates the destruction of our natural resources. Environmental groups are purposely destroying tens of millions of acres of both public and private land every year, through the filing of environmental litigation that is designed to destroy as many homes (and humans) as possible from their precious "urban interface." Why doesn't the National SAF enter in class action lawsuits against these groups on behalf of the American people in general, and the thousand's of folks who have watched their homes, loved ones, and pets burn up as a direct consequence of these environmental groups actions?

Yellowstone's northern elk herd grew from 3,172 animals in 1968 to some 7,000 by 1971 to over 30,000 by 1988. Due to the destruction of Yellowstone by the environmentalists and the reintroduction of the wolf, their population has dwindled to less than 9,000.

The Endangered Species Act and Ecosystem Management infuses all environmental law and policy and their influence has quietly changed the very character of our environment and government. They are, however, false, and their implementation has been a calamity for nature and our society. Foresters have been blamed for the last 60 years for causing the extinction of the Ivory Billed Woodpecker, which is now found in several colonies in the Southeast.

The greatest threat to our environment is from environmental extremists and the greatest threat to wildlife is from animal rights activists – all promoted by the elite media. How many times have you heard Dan Rather, Peter Jennings, Tom Brokaw and the \$10 million dollar woman, Perky Little Katie Couric, lament that oil field development kills caribou?

The Northern Alaska Oil Fields are dominated by the Central Arctic Caribou Herd (CAH). From 1975 to 2003, the population went from

5,000 to 27,128 during oil field development. Data does not support the hypotheses that oil fields adversely affect caribou productivity. The CAH has grown throughout the period of oil field development at a rate comparable to other herds in undeveloped areas. When one looks at the Calving Ratio (Calves:100 Cows), we see that the Birth Rate is 78-94% Prudhoe Bay (Average 86%) versus 50-87% undeveloped areas (Average only 68%), while Recruitment is 79-93% at Prudhoe Bay (Average 86%) versus 64-88% undeveloped areas (Average 76%).

The House Resources Committee of The Wildlife Society recently posted a fact sheet pertaining to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) with respect to domestic oil and gas exploration. They wrote, "ANWR: Caribou-Deer ..." caribou-deer are so adaptable, they have increased their numbers 1000% since coming into contact with oil production [on Alaska's North Slope]. They do fine around energy exploration, and seem to thrive on it, if the numbers show us anything. For the Caribou-Deer, **Congress Should Open ANWR.** Why do the elite media lie to us virtually every night on the local and national news? Why do we allow it? It has been heartening to see the virtual complete power shift from traditional news over to the Fox News Network. Last I saw, there were only a couple of dozen viewers left watching poor little Katie Couric.

The real conservationists are the 147 million hunters and anglers that pay for the vast majority of wildlife restoration efforts in America. Due to their diligence we have a:

- 2-Fold increase in Wild Ducks since 1985 alone, from 55 million to 105 million (DU)
- 10-Fold increase in Black Bear since 1900, from 100,000 to over 1 million
- 23-Fold increase in North American Sheep since 1900, from 10K to 230K
- 28-Fold increase in North American Moose since 1900, from 40K to 1.1 million
- 30-Fold increase in North American Elk since 1907, from 41K to 1.2 million (RMEF)
- 65-Fold increase in Antelope since 1910, from 15K to over 1 million
- 180-Fold increase in Whitetail Deer since 1900, from 200K to over 36 million (QDMA)
- 215-Fold increase in Wild Turkey since 1890, from 30K to 6.4 million (NWTF)

We are currently experiencing an unprecedented overabundance of wildlife in America. Again, where is the elite media?

America has been through many revolutions in the past. Maybe America is ready for the next revolution. Here are just a few; Agricultural Revolution – 10,000 years ago, Industrial Revolution – 150 years ago, Technological Revolution – 15 years ago, Communication Revolution – 5 years ago, and the current Cultural Revolution.

And make no mistake about it; the very survival of the United States of America is at peril. It is time for us to get off the fence and choose sides and find our collective voice. The choice cannot be

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any more clear; it is a choice between good versus evil, honesty versus dishonesty, morality versus immorality, and traditional family values versus a secular society with absolutely no restraints on human behavior. The elite media and many politicians have been lying to the American people for decades. They have essentially become an advertising vehicle for the secular movement, environmental & animal rights activists, the Hollywood community, entertainment industry and the porn business. America deserves better and we should demand it. The rise of the "Tea Parties" is a good start. I felt it was inappropriate of Nancy Pelosi to label these honest, patriotic Americans as "Nazis" simply because they disagree with the Socialist/Fascists/Marxists political shift.

I am reminded of the Lyrics by the Jackson Brown song entitled "The Pretender."

Are you there?  
 Say a prayer for the Pretender  
 Who started out so young and strong  
 Only to surrender

**Teddy Roosevelt** stated, "It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the **man in the arena**, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly... who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, [and] who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at

the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that **his** place shall **never** be with those cold and timid souls who have never known neither victory nor defeat." Do Not Surrender to the progressive secularist movement that wishes to destroy our society, our culture, and our democracy – I urge you to "Become the Man in the Arena."

Philosophically, I believe that hard work coupled with the maximization of human effort and productivity is the key to success and happiness and that ambition, dedication, determination, persistence, perseverance and personal sacrifice is responsible for building this great Nation. And creating a "Nation within a Nation" of non-tax paying welfare and entitlement recipients is counter-productive and is simply not sustainable.

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