



NAASF Forest Resource Planning Committee Meeting
August 24-26, 2010

Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison WI

Statewide Forest Resource Assessments and Strategies:
Lessons Learned & Next Steps

Register on line at: www.regonline.com/naasf_frpc_meeting

We are pleased to announce the 2010 annual meeting of the NAASF Forest Resource Planning Committee (FRPC) for state forest planners and state GIS professionals. This meeting will be held August 24-26 in Madison, Wisconsin. This year's theme is "Statewide Forest Resource Assessments and Strategies: Lessons Learned and Next Steps." **This meeting provides substantial time to discuss the highlights and lessons learned regarding statewide assessments (and related geospatial data) and strategies that make states eligible for S&PF federal funding.** Discussing how states will implement their strategies and federal requirements are on the agenda. Planners and GIS professionals have different yet highly integrated roles in these projects, requiring a common framework yet specific knowledge base for each. We have strived to assemble a unique blend of topics and speakers that will stimulate ideas and allow **state forest planners** and **state GIS professionals** to share their experiences and discuss how to implement their statewide assessments and strategies. This meeting provides both planners and GIS specialists presentations in their respective fields. Please find the agenda and meeting registration form attached.

Meeting registration must be completed by August 17, 2010. Hotel reservations must be made by August 13, 2010.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 24 (travel August 23) and will end at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 26 (travel home in p.m. or Friday, August 27).

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Gass at 608-266-9261 or rebecca.gass@wi.gov or Janel Pike at 608-266-2050 or janel.pike@wi.gov. We look forward to seeing each of you in Wisconsin!

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The most convenient airport is in Madison (MSN - Dane County Regional Airport). If you fly into Milwaukee (MKE - General Mitchell International Airport) or Chicago (ORD - O'Hare International Airport), there are two bus companies that travel from those airports to downtown Madison. The hotel provides a free shuttle service to and from the Madison airport every half hour from 7am to 11pm. At the baggage claims, look for the bank of guest phones and call the Madison Concourse Hotel. It is a 15 minute drive to the hotel. For those driving to Madison, parking is available at the hotel for \$7/night. If you need other transportation options, please contact Rebecca Gass.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS—MAKE RESERVATIONS BY AUGUST 13

The meeting will be held at the Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 West Dayton Street, Madison, WI 53703. More information is available at <http://www.concoursehotel.com/>. A block of rooms is being held at \$70 per night for a single or \$110 for a double, until **Sunday, August 13**. **To make a reservation, call 608-257-6000 and reference FRPC (NAASF) - Annual Meeting (ID Code 103913)**. Guest room cancellation before 4pm, 24 hours before arrival, will be charged one night (plus tax).

MEALS & EVENTS

MEALS — The full registration cost includes breakfast each morning, lunch on Tuesday, the Crystal Ball dinner on Wednesday, and a box lunch on Thursday that you can take with you if you need to travel directly following the meeting. Tuesday dinner is on your own as well as Wednesday lunch.

CRYSTAL BALL DINNER — Tickets for spouses and guests can be purchased when registering on-line. If you are attending the meeting for only one day, you can purchase Crystal Ball dinner tickets.

STATE GIFT EXCHANGE—Please bring a small gift from your state for a gift exchange. These items will be raffled off throughout the meeting to everyone that brings one.

SAF CONTINUING FORESTER EDUCATION HOURS—You can earn SAF CFE contact hours for participation in this meeting (hours earned is being confirmed). Please bring your state SAF CFE form.

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If you will be registering for just one day or are a speaker, please contact Ian MacFarlane for instructions (202) 526-4804, Cell: (304) 276-0759, ian.macfarlane@mail.wvu.edu)

Full registration (includes lunches, breaks, and “Crystal Ball” dinner).....\$225
One-day registration without “Crystal Ball” dinner (includes lunch and breaks)\$60
One-day registration with “Crystal Ball” dinner (also includes lunch and breaks).....\$110
Guest registration for “Crystal Ball” dinner on Wednesday evening\$60

If you’re registering yourself for either the full meeting or one day and also bringing a guest to the Crystal Ball dinner, you’ll need to register them (and any additional guests) separately under the guest registration category.