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2018 Fall Forestry Roundtable "Sustaining Private Forests as Working Landscapes"

Wednesday, October 10th, 2018
Northwest Bay Conference Center in Adirondack Hall
SUNY Adirondack, 640 Bay Road, Queensbury, NY 12804

The purpose of this one-day workshop is to explore management strategies for private forest landowners in the Adirondacks.

SAF Continuing Forestry Education Credits, TBD; and, 1-Credit NY Logger Training.

Agenda

- 9:30 Coffee and registration
- 10:00 Welcome: **Jeff Denkenberger**, Molpus Woodlands Group, LLC, Vice-President
Adirondack Research Consortium, Board of Directors
John Bartow, Executive Director, Empire State Forest Products Association
- Welcoming Remarks: **Dr. Kristine Duffy**, President, SUNY Adirondack
Assemblyman Dan Stec, 114th Assembly District
- 10:20 Research Report: Trends in Ownership Patterns and Use of Private Forests Lands in the Adirondacks, **Peter Innes**, NYS DEC
- 11:00 The Value in Keeping Private Forest Lands as Forests: **Jeff Denkenberger**, Molpus Woodlands Group, LLC
Economic, **David Newman**, SUNY ESF
Ecological, **Emma Johnson**, American Forest Foundation
Community, **Craig Leggett**, Supervisor, Town of Chester
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:15 Panel Discussion: Engaging Landowners in Management Strategies to Maintain Private Forest Lands: Moderator, **John Bartow**, Empire State Forest Products Association
Rob Davies, Director, DEC Div. of Lands & Forests; State Forester, State perspectives
Katie Petronis, Open Space Institute, partnership strategies
Sean Ross, Lyme Timber, TIMO considerations
Michale Glennon, Adirondack Watershed Institute, landowner engagement
Gerald Delaney, Local Government Review Board, small landowner and local government perspectives
- 3:00 Adjourn

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Speaker Bio's

Peter Innes is the Assistant Director Lands & Forests at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Peter graduated from SUNY ESF in 1979 in Forestry (Resource Management). He has worked for DEC since 1980. He has worked as the DEC field forester in the lower Hudson Valley from 1980 to 1988; the Central Office in Forest Resources from 1988 to 1993 working primarily on urban forestry; Supervising Forester in Region 4 in 1993 transitioning to Region Forester in 1998; promoted to Regional Supervisor of Natural Resources in Region 4 in 2003 involved in overseeing Forestry, Real Property, Wildlife, Fisheries, Habitat, MinedLand Reclamation, and Marine; and, in 2017 was able to once again work for the Division of Lands and Forests as the Assistant Director.

David Newman's primary research areas have been the economics of public policy related to timber supply and land use change. He has authored or co-authored over 60 refereed journal articles, two books, and two edited volumes in the general areas of returns to research in forestry, the economics of timber supply, the role of government policy in landowner decision-making, and forest taxation. He has consulted on various forestry projects with organizations such as the World Bank, the USDA Forest Service, the World Wildlife Fund, the Agency for International Development, the US EPA, and others. He currently serves as the Chair-elect for the NYSAF and is the President-elect of NAUFRP. He is also the president for the SUNY-ESF UUP Chapter.

Emma Johnson joined AFF in the winter of 2017 as the Northeast Strategic Partnership manager. In her role, Emma works to build and enhance regional partnerships and collaborations to support AFF's Northeast Conservation programs. Primarily focusing her development efforts in Vermont, Maine and New York, Emma fosters donor relations and foundation outreach to build financial capacity for place-based projects. Having spent 15 years of her career in the non-profit sector, her expertise includes detailed proposal writing, targeted networking, event management and educational outreach. Johnson holds a Bachelors of Fine Art from Syracuse University and resides on Nantucket Island, MA with her husband and two dogs.

Craig Leggett is a first-term Supervisor for the Town of Chester, Warren County. He studied business, agriculture and natural resources at Paul Smiths College, the University of Vermont, and Colorado State University. Professionally, he was a trainer and consultant specializing in whole-farm/ whole- ranch management. He is a sixth generation Adirondack native and lives at the same homestead that his family settled and built in 1796. Fields, forests, families, forever, are important to him.

Robert K. Davies, is the Director of DEC's Division of Lands and Forests and also serves as the State Forester. He is responsible for the administration of several forestry programs in partnership with the United State Forest Service, including the Community Forest program and the Forest Legacy Program. Rob joined the Department in 1990 as a senior attorney in the Office of General Counsel. Mr. Davies received his Juris Doctor from the Albany Law School in 1990, and graduated with a degree in forest biology from the State University of New York's College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse in 1984.

Katie Petronis is the Northern Program Director for the Open Space Institute, Open Space Institute. In her role, she manages all New York State conservation activities, programs, and acquisitions within OSI's northern New York program region, including the northern Hudson Valley, Capital District and Adirondacks. Katie lives in Saratoga Springs, where she serves as Chairman of the Board of Pitney Meadows Community Farm, Inc. Previously, she served as Board Chair of Saratoga P.L.A.N. She also serves on the board of directors of Adirondack Explorer and is a member of the NYSBA. Katie holds degrees from Emory University and a J.D. from the University of Colorado.

Sean Ross is the Director of Forestry Operations for The Lyme Timber Company, a timberland investment firm based in Hanover, NH. He joined Lyme Timber in 2004 and is responsible for forest management, forest certification, and forest policy on all of the company's current holdings of 650,000 acres throughout the US. Lyme currently owns and manages 240,000 acres in the Adirondacks. Prior to joining Lyme, Sean worked as a consulting forester in Vermont providing forestry services to a variety of landowners throughout the northeastern US.

Michale Glennon is an ecologist and serves as the Science Director for the Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College. She previously spent 15 years as the Director of Science for the Adirondack Program of the Wildlife Conservation Society. She is interested in the effects of land use management on wildlife populations in the Adirondacks and is engaged in research ranging from issues of residential development to recreation ecology to climate change. She serves as adjunct faculty for the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) and on several technical advisory boards. Michale obtained her M.S.(1997) and Ph.D. (2002) in Environmental and Forest Biology from SUNY-ESF.

Gerald Delaney grew up in the Adirondacks, on an old dairy farm. He started working as a logger right out of high school working closely with a forester learning about science of forestry. His skills grew from chopper/skidder operator to include all aspects of the trade including operating all equipment, mechanic, and truck driver. In 1993, Gerry began working for the Department of Correctional Services, retiring from that position after 25 years of service. Gerry was elected Town Councilman in the Town of Saranac in 2007 and is currently serving his third term in that position. In 2008, Gerry became a Director of the Association of Towns and Villages, and in 2010 Clinton County appointed Gerry to the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board where he became Chairman 2011 and Executive Director in 2018.



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