

Please plan on joining us at the **15th Annual Montana Forest Landowner Conference**. Also attending will be loggers, contractors, professional foresters and others who also have an interest in the stewardship of Montana's forest lands. You are encouraged to bring family members of all ages.

The conference theme this year emphasizes the fact that the best forest management decisions are made by those who are well informed. The objective of this conference is to provide attendees with the **best and most interesting information available**. The format is designed to be fun and allow plenty of time during breaks and question and answer periods to ask questions and mingle with your peers, speakers, friends and new acquaintances. A silent auction will provide an opportunity to come home with some treasure and support a good cause. Vendors will have displays describing their services and products.

Speakers at the conference are experts in their respective fields. They have diverse backgrounds and come from industry, academic institutions, state and federal agencies, and private businesses. They are all accomplished and enthusiastic presenters who will be available to answer your questions and share their experience and knowledge.

– **Ed Levert**, The Forest Stewardship Foundation

Friday, May 16, 2025
Saturday, May 17, 2025

• Mount Helena Field Trip - **FREE** - transportation provided

Delta Hotels Helena Colonial - Ballroom
2301 Colonial Drive Helena, Montana (See map inside)

Conference cost is \$45 per person and lunch is included.

Sign-in is from 8:00 - 8:30AM. The conference **starts promptly** at 8:30AM and ends at 4:00PM.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Delta Hotels Helena Colonial. Call (406) 443-2100 for reservations or use the link below. Mention that you are attending the **Montana Forest Landowner Conference** to receive a \$159.00 rate for a standard room.

You must reserve by April 25th to receive the discount rate.

Register online: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1719345127900&key=GRP&app=resvlink>



The Future for Forest Stewards & Land Managers

Topics at this year's conference:

- Riparian Restoration
- Road Design, Maintenance & Repair
- Montana Wood Products Market & Infrastructure update
- Site Prep for Successful Reforestation
- Bear Habitat Expansion & Safety in Montana
- Seedling Resources for Montana Landowners
- Wildland Sourced Goods from the Woods
- Fire, Fungus, and Beetles! Whitebark Pine
- Field Trip to view different fuel reduction methods, see how the forest changes over time, and get ideas for your future projects

The **REGISTRATION DEADLINE*** is **April 30th**.
***SAF MEMBERS PLEASE REGISTER SEPERATELY**
at the Montana SAF website - MontanaForesters.org



Presented by:
The Forest Stewardship Foundation

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Montana Society of American Foresters and the **Forest Stewardship Foundation** invite forest landowners, professional foresters, and forestry contractors to attend the...

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Continuing Education Credits...

are available for SAF Certified Foresters and MLA accredited logging professionals.

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15th Annual Forest Landowner Conference: The Future for Forest Stewards & Land Managers

2025 CONFERENCE AGENDA:

FRIDAY, MAY 16: Delta Hotels Helena Colonial

8:00-8:30 AM / Registration: Delta Colonial Front Lobby

8:30-8:45 AM / Welcome: Executive Room

- **Ed Levert** - Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation
- **Duane Harp** - Montana Society of American Foresters

8:45-9:45 AM / Opening Session: Executive Room

- **Montana Wood Products Market and Infrastructure Update**
- **Sam Scott** - University of Montana Bureau of Business & Economic Research
- **Gordy Sanders** - Retired Forester

9:45-10:00 AM / Break: Capitol/State Room

Refreshments - **Visit Silent Auction**

10:00-11:00 AM / Round 1 Morning Breakout Sessions:

(CHOOSE ONE)

Session A: Executive Room - **Jason Parke** - Moderator

- **How Markets Help You Attain Your Goals as a Landowner and Land Manager**

- **John Ottman** - Private Forestry Consultant
- **Matt Arno** - DNRC Representative
- **Dan Rogers** - DNRC Trust Lands & Forestry Assistance
- **Steve Marks** - Owner, Marks Lumber

Session B: Legislative/Judicial Room - **Ed Levert** - Moderator

- **Riparian Restoration: It's Important for Ecological Resilience**
- **Wendy Weaver** - Executive Director, Freshwater Partners

11:00 AM -12:00 PM / Round 2 Morning Breakout Sessions:

(CHOOSE ONE)

Session A: Executive Room - **Jason Parke** - Moderator

- **Road Design, Maintenance and Repair Using BMPs**
- **Mark Vessar** - DNRC Forest Practices Program Manager

Session B: Legislative/Judicial Room - **Zoey Leake** - Moderator

- **Site Prep for Successful Reforestation**
- **Rick Moore** - DNRC Service Forester, Retired

SATURDAY, MAY 17:

Delta Hotels Helena Colonial

7:30-9:00 AM / University of Montana Alumni & Friends Breakfast:

9:00-12:45 PM / Mount Helena Fuel Reduction

Field Trip: - **Sam Gilbert** - USFS Retired Consultant
- **Brad Langsather** - Open Lands Manager/City of Helena

Noon - 1:30 PM / Luncheon with Speaker:

Capitol/State Room - **Ed Levert** - Moderator
Lore, Legends, and Out Right Lies: Tales of the Early Region One Foresters

- **Rich Aarstad** - Archivist, Montana Historical Society

1:30 PM / Silent Auction Closes

1:45-2:45 PM / Round 3 Afternoon Breakout Sessions:

(CHOOSE ONE)

Session A: Executive Room - **Paul Donnellon** - Moderator

- **Fire, Fungus, and Beetles! Co-Starring a Bird and a Tree. The Rapid Decline of Whitebark Pine and How We Can Rescue It**

- **Mike Giesey** - USFS, Retired, Board Member of Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation

Session B: Legislative/Judicial Room - **Bob Starling** - Moderator

- **Seedling Resources for Montana Landowners**

- **Michael Butts** - Montana Conservation Seedling Nursery

2:45-3:00 PM / Break: Capitol/State Room

3:00-4:00 PM / Round 4 Afternoon Breakout Sessions:

(CHOOSE ONE)

Session A: Executive Room - **Paul Donnellon** - Moderator

- **Wildland Sourced Goods from the Woods!**

- **Dave Atkins** - President, Montana Forest Owners Association

Session B: Legislative/Judicial Room - **Bob Starling** - Moderator

- **Bear Habitat Expansion and Safety in Montana**

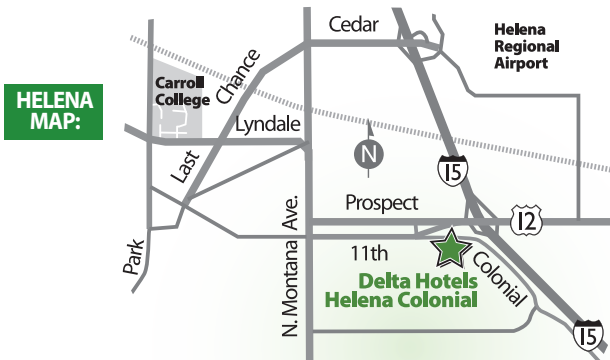
- **Bill Cook** - Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

3:40-4:00 PM / Closing Session: Executive Room

Closing Comments

- **Ed Levert** - Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation
- **Duane Harp** - Montana Society of American Foresters

Announcement of Silent Auction Winners



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15th Annual Forest Landowner Conference
Conference Registration Form

Attending the Friday, May 16th Conference? Yes No Number attending: _____
Attending the Saturday, May 17th Field Trip? Yes No Number attending: _____

ATTENDEE(S): _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____
 DAYTIME PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2025*
COST: \$45 per person. Lunch included.
REGISTER ONLINE: Go to ForestStewardshipFoundation.org then click on the **Events** tab at the top of the page and drop down to the Montana Forest Landowner Conference. Payments can be made by credit card (Pay Pal) when you register on-line.
TO REGISTER BY MAIL: Complete the form to the right, place in envelope and mail along with payment to: **Forest Stewardship Foundation**, P.O. Box 1056, Libby, MT 59923
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation**

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