A Best Management Practices Workshop:

Timber Harvest Planning and Implementation

Thursday, May 29, 2003
ESF Ranger School
Wanakena, New York

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When trees are harvested from a forest there is always a potential to disturb forest soils, resulting in sediment-laden runoff which adversely impacts our streams, rivers, lakes, ponds and wetlands. Before and during times of harvest, use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) helps to minimize contamination of drinking water, as well as degradation of our fish and wildlife habitat.

The objective of the workshop is to enhance awareness surrounding best management practices (BMPs) and offer the participants a first-hand opportunity to see BMPs in action.

Intended Audience: Foresters and Loggers

Instructors: Russell Briggs, Professor of Forest Soils & Silviculture and René Germain, Faculty of SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse.

Workshop Agenda
Thursday, May 29, 2003
8:00 - 8:30 AM Registration

8:30 - 9:30 AM Why we need BMPs: Impact of erosion on water quality and long-term forest productivity.  
Russell Briggs

9:30 - 10:30 AM Planning for the harvest.  
-René Germain

10:30 – 11:30 AM BMP technique to the site and post-harvest re-vegetation; Stabilizing and re-vegetating landings, roads and trails after the harvest. - Russell Briggs

11:30 – noon Special management considerations for forest riparian areas.  
-René Germain
12:00-1:00 PM  Lunch

1:30-4:00 PM  Field Component – Hosted by Tony Woods, Wagner Forest Management

We will tour forestlands managed by Wagner Forest Management, exposing the group to various BMP practices such as broad-based dips, reverse grading, insloping, outsloping, water bars and stream-crossing techniques. This afternoon session offers the opportunity for loggers, foresters and landowners to interact in the field.

Directions will be sent with acknowledgment of registration.

Lodging: Overnight accommodations can be scheduled at the Ranger School for Wednesday night or Thursday night to accommodate your travel plans. To reserve a room at the affordable rate of $30.00 per night, contact Chris Westbrook by phone 315-848-2566 or email: westbrook@esf.edu.

Registration: To preregister! Simply fill out and mail the attached registration form with your registration fee. You may register by phone by calling ESF Outreach at (315) 470-6817; or fax to (315) 470-6890.

Fees: Early registrations, postmarked by May 15th are eligible for the discount fee of $75.00.

Government or corporate purchase orders received by the deadline also qualify for the early discount. If postmarked after May 15th, the full fee is $105.00.

The workshop fee includes lunch and refreshments, transportation, and materials.

Fees are payable to SUNY-ESF. VISA or MasterCard also accepted.

Refunds: SUNY-ESF reserves the right to cancel any program in the event of insufficient registrations. A full refund will be given if a program is canceled. Participants who wish to withdraw must give written notice one week in advance to receive a full refund. After that date a $25 cancellation fee will be charged. Substitutions are permissible at any time.

Questions? Questions about registration? Call ESF Outreach at (315) 470-6817.