SAF Embraces the Entire Forestry Profession

SAF members work in a variety of positions and organizations:
- Ecosystem restoration specialists
- Urban foresters
- Forest engineers
- Geneticists
- Congressional staff and policy advisors
- Wildlife managers
- Educators
- Lawyers
- CEOs and executive managers
- Conservation leaders
- Consultants
- Retailers – forest products and technology
- Timber investment management organization and real-estate investment trust managers
- Data collection and management / GIS specialists
- Wildland recreation managers
- Watershed hydrologists
- Forest products and utilization specialists
- Fire management specialists
- Range managers
- Resource managers
- Field forestry

Testimonials

State Forestry

When I graduated four years ago, I knew I needed much more than book knowledge to advance my career and make a lasting impact on Colorado’s forests. I became active in my local SAF chapter and met people who were experienced, knowledgeable, and willing to mentor me. I am up-to-date on regional issues, the latest forestry practices, and on national forest policy. I’ve also made connections in SAF that help in day-to-day management projects. I feel that my involvement in SAF has greatly accelerated my career.

Denise White
Stewardship Forester
Colorado State Forest Service

Natural Resource Conservation – NGO

SAF is a critical, unbiased, and well-respected voice on sustainable forest policy decision making in the nation’s capital and at the local level. SAF is the only organization that represents the entire forestry profession at the local, state, national, and international levels. SAF leads the forestry and natural resource community in policy efforts, building coalitions, and bringing together key partners.

Dylan H. Jenkins, CF
Director of Forest Conservation
The Nature Conservancy, Pennsylvania

Urban Forestry Educator

As an urban forestry educator I need timely, science-based information. I am interested in all aspects of forestry and forest resources and only SAF covers them all. Being an active member helps me expand and diversify my professional network and keeps me current on world forest resource issues.

Robert M. Ricard, CF
Senior Extension Educator
University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System

Consulting Forester

The Forestry Source and The E-Forester are two great sources of information about developments in SAF, forestry business, forest policy, and forest practices. I enjoy reading both publications. Most important for me is the Society’s leadership in promoting and facilitating continuing professional education and in recognizing those professionals who are committed to continued education. One other key benefit that SAF provides is excellent, competitively priced disability insurance.

Michael R. Wetzel, CF
Consulting Forester
Richardson, Bell, McLeod & Wetzel

Forest Supervisor

SAF provides me with tools to be a better forester, a better land steward, and a better Forest Supervisor. What is incredible to me is the personal side of SAF and its leadership. The leaders that know your name and listen to your ideas are the same leaders that testify to Congress. They stay in front of the issues and stand behind their members.

Craig Bolzien, CF
Forest Supervisor
Black Hills National Forest

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Mission of the Society of American Foresters

• Advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry
• Enhance the competency of our members
• Establish professional excellence
• Ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems
• Ensure the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society

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The Society of American Foresters (SAF) understands that forestry and natural resource professionals face unique challenges on many levels. That’s why we strive to create the best information, services, and resources that meet the needs of today’s busy forestry professionals.

With more than 15,000 members, SAF is the largest non-profit forestry association in the world.

Join SAF and give yourself a competitive edge.

**Member Benefits**

**The Forestry Source**

Our monthly newsletter features the latest in natural resource events, jobs, forest policy, innovations in forestry-related science and technology, and the popular “How To” department.

**The E-Forester**

Our twice-monthly e-newsletter provides concise, relevant information on forest news, sustainability and certification, scientific discoveries, forest resources, SAF news and opportunities, and more.

**Certification**

Certification is a mark of distinction that shows your commitment to high standards of practice and to continuing education. When you earn your Certified Forester®, Certified Forester® / Certified Forest Auditor, or your Candidate Certified Forester® credential, your commitment and competency stands out. SAF’s directory of Certified Foresters is a great resource for landowners and employers who need leadership experience, and learn more about forest management in the world.

**National Convention**

SAF’s National Convention is the premier forestry management event of the year, attracting forestry and natural resource professionals, and students from around the world. The convention offers education and networking through more than 150 technical and scientific sessions, business-sponsored technology sessions, a job fair, and exhibitors from top forestry-related businesses. The convention also features interest-based roundtables and a variety of learning and networking-based socials, as well as the popular student quiz bowl.

**Continuing Forestry Education**

SAF maintains the largest calendar of forestry and natural resource meetings and seminars in the nation. This calendar is updated daily and highlights opportunities to earn Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits. SAF’s online CFE management system allows professionals to track continuing education to maintain their credential within the Certified Forester® program, and other required state licenses.

**Professional Journals**

SAF publishes groundbreaking science through five respected, peer-reviewed journals. The Journal of Forestry is the most widely read forestry journal in the world. The Journal features scientific analysis and perspectives on issues facing our forests and the people who manage them, including silviculture, urban and community forestry, wildlife management, geospatial technologies, entomology and pathology, international forestry, policy, and more. The Northern, Southern, and Western Journals of Applied Forestry are valuable sources of current information on applied forestry in the US and Canada. Forest Science, an internationally renowned forestry research journal, ranks among the highest for professional impact and cutting-edge content. It offers research on silviculture, soils, biometry, disease, recreation, tree physiology, and much more.

**Searchable, Online Resources**

The Roots of Forestry®, SAF’s online searchable archive, features more than 11,700 articles from all five professional journals from 1902 through 1999. This archive provides instant access to credible, peer-reviewed science and technical information on topics like ecology, silviculture, entomology, fire, wildlife, soils, hydrology, policy, urban forestry, and more.

**Local Units**

Our more than 250 local units – state societies, divisions, and chapters – provide a great way to network with other professionals and receive hands-on training through projects, demonstrations, and workshops. Local involvement allows you to learn about job opportunities, gain leadership experience, and learn more about forest management in forests where you work. SAF has 70 student chapters at college and university campuses across the US.

**Professional Development**

In addition to our publications, policy updates, books, mentoring, and e-newsletter, SAF hosts the Leadership Academy which offers training in communications, managing teams, and leading organizations. Successful completion of an online quiz on Journal of Forestry articles offers CFE credits. Local units also provide a host of professional development and training opportunities. SAF produces Convention Proceedings on CD from the technical and scientific sessions held at our national convention.

**Online Networking**

Our Professional Resource Groups (PRG) offer online forums helping our members connect with members of like interests and professions. Use these PRGs to ask technical or general questions of colleagues and share best practices and expertise.

**Working Groups**

Working Groups are a great way to get more involved around your specific interests. Participants help develop educational programs for SAF’s National Convention, host regional meetings and workshops, and address current issues.

**Member Discounts**

SAF has partnered with several service providers, bringing our members valuable discounts in life and disability insurance, automobile insurance, tree marking paint, student loan consolidation programs, rental cars, and discounts on GIS software and education.

**Outreach to Congress**

SAF works with Congress and state and federal agencies on forestry and natural resource issues helping to create policies that enable sound forest and natural resource management. Members receive our weekly Policy Update highlighting natural resource legislation, hearings, and emerging environmental policies. Our members participate in grassroots campaigns, write letters to Congress, and serve as witnesses at Congressional hearings.

**Media Outreach**

SAF works with local, regional, and national media to provide timely and accurate information on natural resource issues.

**Leadership Opportunities**

Local units provide a wide variety of leadership opportunities. SAF also has more than 14 national committees that enable members to broaden their influence, gain valuable leadership experience, and expand their network.

**Membership Directories**

SAF’s directory of members allows you to connect with professionals around the world.

**Mentoring**

Finding a mentor can be a critical step in developing and advancing your career. SAF offers avenues for professionals and students to connect with mentors both online and locally.

**Career Opportunities**

Our online Career Center offers job advertisements, resources to build a résumé, and interviewing tips. The Forestry Source, our leading forestry newspaper, posts the latest employment opportunities. In addition, SAF hosts a Job Fair at the National Convention featuring as many as 20 participating employers.

**Books**

SAF publishes numerous forestry-related books, such as The Dictionary of Forestry, Forest Certification Auditing, and the Certified Forester® Examination Study Guide.

**Accreditation**

SAF accredits a variety of forestry programs at 50 colleges and universities. By promoting continuous improvement in education, accreditation helps ensure that forest resource management decisions are made with the latest information and advice of qualified forestry professionals.