Chairs’ report—
Northern and Southern California Societies
by Rick Standiford, NorCal SAF chair and Doug Piirto, SoCal SAF chair

Our joint winter meeting, “One California Forestry: The Professional’s Role,” was held in Berkeley on January 24–25, 2014. January 24 was a joint Executive Committee meeting of both of our Societies, held at the UC Berkeley Faculty Club. The meeting started with a two-hour workshop to discuss the pros and cons of a merger of NorCal and SoCal SAF. It was very well attended, with almost 35 people present. Members of a six-person committee of both Societies presented the results of their findings to date. A lively discussion of all participants followed. There will be a distribution of the report of this committee to all members of both Societies within the next few weeks for feedback. One result of the discussion is that the NorCal newsletter will be distributed to both NorCal and SoCal members, and the format changed to represent the entire state.

The outstanding education effort to reach Californians with the message about the importance of professional forestry was also discussed at the Executive Committee meeting. The forestry education effort spearheaded by Bill Keye for state legislators and their staff at Blodgett Forest was presented. The results of the highly successful Forest Conservation Days and Forestry Institute for Teachers were also presented. The forest education grant that NorCal SAF administers for the entire state was also discussed. An expanded fundraising effort to support all of these educational efforts was presented by Education Committee Chair Mike DeLasaux.

The full general meeting was held on Saturday, January 25, at the Clark Kerr Campus of UC Berkeley. It was the best-attended meeting of either Society over the past decade, with almost 125 people! We were especially pleased that we had 22 student members in attendance, showing vitality for continuing with the strong work of SAF into the future. The theme of the meeting, “One California Forestry: The Professional’s Role,” was intentionally selected to show the diverse array of areas that professionals are involved in throughout the state. We had panels of leaders representing the professional’s role in fire, urban forestry, restoration, investment analysis, energy and carbon markets, and land management. The day closed with a panel on forestry education, with representatives of UC Berkeley, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Humboldt State discussing their programs. There was excellent feedback from the audience and interchange among the panelists throughout the entire day.

One highlight of the winter meeting was the presence of our national SAF leadership. J. Lopez, our District 3 Council representative

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Calendar

Forestry Institute for Teachers 2014

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- Tuolumne County • June 22–28
- Shasta County • July 6–12
- Humboldt County • July 13–19

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| **March 13–15** | Redwood Region Logging Conference  
| **March 4–5** | California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection meetings  
| **April 8–9** | Resources Building, Sacramento, CA  
| **May 13–14** | (www.bof.fire.ca.gov, 916.653.8007)  
| **June 17–18** |  
| **June 20–22** | California Forest Soils Council summer field tour  
| **June 15–21** | Plumas County, CA  
| **July 6–12** | (Information: www.caforestsoils.org)  
| **July 13–19** |  

**Looking ahead to FALL 2014**

**2014 SAF National Convention**
- **October 8–11**
- **Salt Lake City, Utah**

SAF will partner with the Canadian Institute of Forestry/l’Institut forestier du Canada (CIF/IFC), for a joint convention. In addition, the convention will be co-located with the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress

*www.xcdsystem.com/saf/site14*

**7th California Oak Symposium**
- **November 3–6**
- **Visalia Conference Center**

ucanr.edu/sites/oaksymposium

**Save the date!**

**SUMMER 2014**

**NorCal-SoCal Meeting**

*Tentative dates:* August 22–23  
*Location:* Black Oak Casino Resort, Tuolumne

Time waits for no one. Now that the winter meeting has successfully concluded, it is time to start thinking ahead to the 2014 joint NorCal and SoCal SAF summer meeting. During this year’s summer meeting, we will visit the 2013 Rim Fire. At 400 square miles, it was the third largest wildfire in California history. There are numerous interesting topics associated with this fire, fire science issues, water quality and quantity, and salvage logging, to name a few.

Helge Eng  
NorCal SAF vice chair

**Forest Conservation Days 2014**

*Volunteers needed!!*

*Tentative dates:* September 22–26  
*Location:* YMCA Camp Sequoia Lake

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info@forestryinstitute.org or 800.738.7833.
SAF membership incentives!
by Jane LaBoa, NorCal SAF membership committee co-chair

Raymond and Jane LaBoa have transitioned to new NorCal SAF membership committee co-chairs. Membership recruitment and retention is critical to SAF's future. As long-time SAF members, we are excited to help with this important effort. We are just getting started and will develop a plan, get in contact with chapter representatives, etc., but we want to highlight a few items in this newsletter.

First, we want to remind SAF members that you can significantly reduce your own dues by sponsoring a new (non-student) member. In addition, SAF has completely revised its membership structure. There's a plan for everybody that's more affordable than ever. Recent graduates can use a transition membership with lower dues. Members who don't want the publications or convention registration discount can save on their membership by renewing at the silver level. You can find details on the SAF website (top of the SAF homepage, safnet.org/index.cfm, <Join>), or contact us (below).

To get things really moving, NorCal SAF is throwing in an additional incentive. For every full membership (non-student) recruited, you will get your choice of certain items from the SAF store, including a t-shirt, several types of caps, tie tack, lapel pin and stainless steel water bottle. Be sure to include your name on the application as a sponsor and contact us when the application is sent to SAF membership services.

Also on the list is starting a Facebook page for both California SAF societies. This is a group effort, and it will be a great way to see quickly what is happening at the chapter level, with local policy work, news clip links, educational opportunities, etc. Stay tuned for that, and please “friend” CA SAF when the page is rolled out.

If you wish to join the membership committee, have ideas and/or questions, would like to request SAF membership materials for promotion, or need assistance with your membership, please contact us.

E-mail: laboa@starband.net
Phone: 530.885.1398

Join the effort:
Steam donkey restoration

At its meeting on January 24, the Northern California Society of American Foresters Executive Committee established the NorCal SAF Dolbeer Donkey Fund. The purpose of the fund is to gather donations for the restoration and operation of the donkey engine used by NorCal SAF as a key exhibit of its Forest Conservation Days activity until 2011, when the boiler was found to be unsound.

The 100+ year-old engine is owned by the Sequoia National Forest, and is on loan to the Turtle Bay Museum in Redding. The U.S. Forest Service has put up a $15,000 challenge grant for boiler repairs that are estimated at up to $60,000. The Turtle Bay Museum has been in difficult financial times, and has been unable to mount a fund-raising campaign for this unique artifact. Thus, NorCal SAF has stepped up to create the 501(c) (3) fund to bring the engine back to life.

Send donations to:
Northern California Society of American Foresters
P.O. Box 1034
Murphys, CA 95247.

Make checks payable to:
NorCal SAF Dolbeer Donkey Fund.

For questions, contact John Nicoles, jnicoles@jps.net.
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
by Kevin Locke, NorCal SAF executive director

It is an honor and privilege to be assuming the role as NorCal SAF executive director and Forest Stewardship Helpline coordinator. In my nearly 35 years in the forestry and as a member of SAF, I have learned that changes are inevitable and part of our profession. The coming year looks to be no different, as many changes are on the horizon and the future of forestry is beginning to shine bright once again.

The year started off with an excellent winter meeting in Berkeley in January. It was encouraging to see the total number of attendees up, especially with many students at the meeting. Bob Alverts, SAF vice-president for 2014, gave an excellent talk about the changing approach of SAF at the national level and the need to get young members involved. If you are one of our young members, I encourage you to get involved in the organization! One of the best experiences I had early in my forestry career was being my local SAF chapter chair. The time I put into the position helped me grow as a professional and as an individual. I also encourage all SAF members to recruit new members into the organization and to be a mentor when you can to help get new members involved in the future of our profession.

The Rim Fire last year in Tuolumne County was historical in many ways. In a recent article in my local newspaper, the Calaveras Enterprise, I read a statement that proclaimed, “The Rim Fire has the potential to give us guidance for the 21st century fire and resource management practices. California has always been a leader, and the Rim Fire has the potential to change how we operate in the future. Everyone’s going to look at fires differently after this.” I invite all of you to come learn and see for yourselves as the NorCal SAF summer meeting will explore these topics as we visit the Rim Fire on August 22 and 23. Save the date and plan to attend!

With California in the midst of a historical drought, it will mean higher tree mortality and forestry issues for many private landowners across the state. As the Forest Stewardship Helpline coordinator, I encourage you help spread the word about the helpline. Promote the Helpline where possible and help property owners at any level you can. Share with the landowners the 1-800-738-TREE phone number and the ceres.ca.gov/foreststeward website.

As you can see, 2014 should be an eventful year in regards to SAF and forestry. I look forward to serving as your executive director and hope to meet as many members as possible in the future. If you have any input for me please do not hesitate to contact me at ncsaf@mcn.org.
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(serving both of our Societies as well as Hawaii) gave a good overview of current council business. Louise Murgia, interim executive vice president/CEO travelled to Berkeley from Washington, D.C., and updated members on current national initiatives. Bob Alverts, recently elected vice president of SAF, came down from his home base in Oregon, and provided a stimulating discussion of the branding effort that SAF has been involved in over the past several years. Some of the key points of the renewed message, Thriving forests. Essential resources. Strong communities:

- We challenge landowners, decision-makers and society at large to make choices about our forests based on professional knowledge, leading-edge thinking and a century of practical experience.
- We seek viable pathways forward, balancing diverse demands on our natural resources.

We set the standard in forest management, bringing science, best practice and the best people together to actively shape the future of the profession.
- For the greatest good. For the greatest number. For the long run.

Note from the past chair
by Doug Wickizer, NorCal SAF past-chair

I would like to thank everyone at NorCal SAF, and particularly the Executive Committee and outgoing Executive Director Jane LaBoa, for all the support you have given me over the past year. I am truly pleased with all that we have accomplished together, including: a second straight year with an increase in our membership numbers, an active legislative year with SAF providing support for legislation that establishes a Working Forest Management Plan, sponsorship of two legislative tours to Blodgett Forest with partners UC Berkeley and CLFA, and continued growth of our outstanding education programs.

I am most pleased to congratulate our new chair, Rick Standiford, incoming vice chair Helge Eng, and our new executive director, Kevin Locke as they take the reins for 2014. We also have two new committee chairs this year. Jane and Ray LaBoa will be our new membership joint chairs, and Gary Brittner is assuming the chair for the audit committee. With their leadership and the continuing help of our committee and chapter chairs, I am confident this will be another great year for NorCal SAF. There is much work to do, and I urge all NorCal members to find ways to help at the local and/or state level over the coming months.

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This message ties in well with the theme of “One California Forestry” and shows the need for all of us to reach out to our colleagues in allied fields of forest resource management and conservation. We are encouraged by the fruits of our efforts to increase membership, with both Societies growing in 2013. We would like to recognize the outstanding service of Doug Wickizer and Doug Nickels over the past year as the chairs of our two Societies, and for Jane LaBoa stepping forward again to serve as executive director of NorCal SAF, while we searched for a permanent replacement. We are so fortunate that Kevin Locke has agreed to serve as NorCal executive director and is now on board! We also want to acknowledge the various committee chairs and chapter leaders who will be serving in the upcoming year. We invite you to look at the leadership page of the SAF website (safnet.org/members/mbrld.cfm) to see the outstanding crop of leaders for this year.
Awards
by Julie Lydick, NorCal SAF awards chair

2013 Awards Summary

There were no nominations for the 2013 NorCal SAF Forestry Achievement Award.

Two chapters were recognized for the Chapter of the Year Award: High Sierra and Sacramento-Tahoe. Patrick Emmert was the chair of High Sierra and Todd Glidersleeve for Sacramento-Tahoe in 2013.

Both chapters demonstrated very strong programs.

• Each held 5-6 dinner meetings and 1-2 field trips in 2013.
• Both have active scholarship programs and fundraising to support students.
• Both are involved in community events, county fairs, state fair or local conservation events.
• Both chapters have members who are active in State Society meetings and field trips.
• Both contribute to the State Society newsletter, have chapter newsletters and communicate via social media.
• Both chapters have members that provide important leadership at the state or national level like Forest Conservation Days or the House of Society Delegates
• Both chapters have provided conservation education activities, whether for children or the state legislature.

At the awards ceremony, a slide show of chapter activities was shown. In addition, J. Lopez, District 3 Council representative, provided photos of commemorative pavers that NorCal SAF has purchased the last few years to honor Golden Members or other exceptional SAF contributions. Congratulations to all.

2014 Golden Members

There was a lot of drama in the United States in 1964. President Johnson had won re-election after finishing President Kennedy’s first term. Civil rights issues were heated—race riots in Harlem, civil rights workers murdered in Mississippi and the 24th amendment to the constitution adopted for fair voting rights—and the U.S. was at war in Vietnam. On a gentler note, the movies Goldfinger and Mary Poppins were playing in theatres, and Beatlemania had taken hold of the music scene. It is also the year that five foresters joined the Society of American Foresters, foresters who now are recognized in 2014 as Golden Members for their 50 years of membership. They are current members in the Northern California State Society of American Foresters: William McKillop, Robert A. Smart, Gerald Ranger, Daniel L. Marlatt, Elvin E. Cole.

William (Bill) McKillop was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and became a naturalized United States citizen in 1968. He received his B.S. in Forestry from the University of Aberdeen in 1957, an M.S. in Forestry from the University of New Brunswick, Canada in 1959, and M.A. in Statistics and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics in 1965 from the University of California, Berkeley.

Bill came to Berkeley in 1961 to do a Ph.D., after working for the Canadian Department of Forestry. While doing his dissertation in 1964, the University of California offered him a teaching job; so he decided to stay. Bill has been professor of forest economics at UC Berkeley since 1964, specializing in a range of topics, including assessment of economic impacts of alternative forest policies, economics of forest management, econometric studies of forest products supply, demand and

Paver at SAF National Office, the Gifford Pinchot Forestry Building in Bethesda, MD. by J. Lopez
trade, modeling of regional timber supply, forest taxation and valuation, and analyses of forest-based economies. He has held numerous appointments as a scientist, consultant and visiting professor with state, national and international governmental agencies, forest industry and foreign universities.

Bill said, “I joined SAF in 1964. I had been a member of the Scottish Forestry Society as a student, and then the Canadian Institute of Forestry. I was pleased to find a final home with SAF. It has been a wonderful source of friends and colleagues and a way for me to focus on forest policy and forest management issues.”

Bill attended the winter meeting with his guest, Susan Billiau, and was presented with his Golden Member certificate.

Robert (Bob) A. Smart joined the United States Forest Service in 1960 on the Kootenai National Forest (Yaak RD) in northwest Montana. He received his Bachelor of Science in Forest Management and Master of Forestry from the University of Idaho. In 1964 he became an SAF member. Bob said, “Through the first half of my career, the leadership of SAF was dominated by senior line officers of the Forest Service and large forest product company leaders. Joining SAF was a shared expectation by many of our bosses. After spending two years in the U.S. Army, my bride and I moved to the Eldorado National Forest, where I headed a pilot program that explored implementing small log opportunities. (A very interesting assignment in an era of 3- to 7-log loads.) SAF publications really helped me explain small log needs/capabilities that were common in the rest of the country.”

On the Cleveland National Forest (1970–1975), he had a great opportunity to learn how to work together with other resource management groups (state, county, city and private) and learn about fire management. He was a strong advocate of SAFETY FIRST and the Incident Management System, and worked with Ed Martin as he led the licensed professional forester program. Bob has always been a strong advocate of environmental education and helped with many programs in the Los Angeles Basin. He was the chair of the San Gabriel Chapter, following chapter founder Bob Solari.

Bob served as district ranger on the Klamath National Forest (Salmon River) from 1975 to 1977 and the same capacity on the Eldorado National Forest (Placerville RD) from 1977 until retirement in 1999. Bob said, “Becoming a national incident commander in 1990 was a major accomplishment for me. I occupied the chair of the Mother Lode Chapter and several other chapter slots while on the Eldorado. The importance of SAF to the Forest Service waned with the integration of other disciplines into the agency. It is imperative that SAF remain the voice/source for professionals in the field of forest management and be a key participant in all land use discussions concerning forested landscapes. I would like SAF to be a leader exposing the huge ecological costs we are experiencing as catastrophic fires continue to convert our biologically diverse mosaics on the landscapes to huge monoliths.” Julie Lydick said, “Whether Bob realizes it or not, he was a mentor to many of us young foresters on the Eldorado National Forest in the early 80s.”

Gerald (Jerry) Ranger joined SAF during his senior year at the University of California Berkeley in 1964. He was hired by the California Division of Forestry (now CAL FIRE), as were others in his class, beginning July 1, 1964. He worked there for 31 years and retired in 1995. He started out as a trainee, working in the State Forester’s office in downtown Sacramento. Other assignments and promotions took him to Jackson State Forest, Nevada City, Ben Lomond State Forest Nursery, Region V, Monterey as range and watershed staff forester. In 1986 a budget cut closed the Region V headquarters, and he spent his last few years as the Amador/El Dorado ranger unit resource manager.

Jerry said, “I recall that while I worked at the Ben Lomond Nursery in Santa Cruz as assistant manager, I began to get active in SAF. I believe we were called the Monterey Bay Chapter. I served in some leadership capacities in the chapter. Since retiring, I only occasionally attend a chapter meeting if it is close to my home, but my main support is through my yearly dues. I have had only good associations with the SAF members I have worked with and known throughout the years. The profession of forestry has been good to me. I still maintain my license but am not working as a forester anymore—Jerry Ranger RPF333.”

Daniel L. Marlatt attended Paul Smith’s College and graduated in forestry from New York State in 1962, before it was SUNY. He went to work for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Baker, Oregon. Then he returned to New York to work at the College of Forestry Experimental Forest in the Adirondacks. He returned to the West to work for Weyerhaeuser in Washington and then back to the BLM in Baker, Oregon. He transferred to Susanville, California, with the BLM in 1977 and has remained there since he retired. Dan was a field forester throughout his career. He maintains a tree farm in New York and lives on a working ranch. Dan has been active in SAF, attending state society meetings and national conventions, most recently the 2011 convention in Hawaii.

The awards committee was not able to catch up with Elvin E. Cole, Chico, California, prior to the meeting.
Chapter updates

NorCal SAF Chapters

49er
Chair: Marty Gmelin

Bay Area
Chair: Karin Linnen

Bidwell
Chair: Scott Worden

Del Norte
Chair: vacant

High Sierra
Chair: Joshua Soderlund

Jedidiah Smith
Chair: vacant

Monterey Bay
Chair: vacant

Peter Lassen
contact: Mike De Lasaux

Redwood Coast
Chair: vacant

Sacramento-Tahoe
Chair: Todd Gildersleeve

Southern San Joaquin
Chair: Jeff Gletne

Wyntoon
Chair: John Kessler

Student Chapters
Bakersfield College
Cal Poly State Univ.
Humboldt State Univ.
Reedley College
Sierra College
UC Berkeley

Southern San Joaquin Chapter
by Jeff Gletne, chapter chair

The speaker at our November meeting was Rick Elkins, publisher of the Porterville Recorder. He spoke of issues affecting our industry and our local National Forest. We also elected Kevin Elliott, supervisor of the Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument, as our incoming vice chair.

At our January meeting Dianne Shew and Mary Eberle from the Tulare County Outdoor School of Science and Conservation (SCICON) joined us for dinner. This 1,100 acre campus hosts nearly 15,000 students and visitors each year. SCICON has added a large room to their museum, which will feature a forestry exhibit, and they have asked our chapter to help them with ideas and displays for this great new addition.

Upcoming meetings will be in March at Bakersfield College, with the Bakersfield College student chapter, where we will award our annual scholarship, and a joint meeting in April at Reedley College, with the Reedley College student chapter and the High Sierra Chapter.

Reedley College Student Chapter
by Joshua Soderlund, chapter advisor

The Reedley College SAF Student Chapter is off to a good start this spring semester. We have a new chapter president, Brandon Gilbert, a forestry sophomore. Typically we join the High Sierra SAF Chapter monthly meetings, where the students network with forestry professionals and listen to guest speakers. Coming up later in the semester on April 10, we host a joint High Sierra and Southern San Joaquin chapters meeting at Reedley College.

Recently five students and I attended the NorCal-SoCal SAF Winter Meeting in Berkeley, CA. It was a great meeting, and the students enjoyed the variety of topics ranging from fire and urban forestry to politics and investment analysis. The students were encouraged by talking with fellow forestry students and especially interacting with the forestry professionals in attendance. They are looking forward to the NorCal-SoCal SAF Summer Meeting later this year.
Sac-Tahoe Chapter

by Todd Gildersleeve, chapter chair

As we bring in the new year, I look ahead to the many activities that our SAF chapter will be involved with. From dinner meetings, chapter field tours, supporting Nor-Cal SAF/National SAF and educating policymakers, the Sac-Tahoe SAF Chapter members will be proactive in forestry issues in California, and I invite all of you to participate.

If you have not been actively involved, why not? This year, we will host excellent speakers, as always, and we will continue the tradition of two field tours. Our planning meeting was well attended, and we developed a cadre of speakers and events that you'll be interested in. And as always, please let us know of any speakers and events you would like the chapter to host.

The membership and scholarship committee has requested our help. We need you! So, please contact me, Todd Gildersleeve, tgildersleeve2009@gmail.com, 530.205.7312, to assist with membership and use your network to let the graduating high school students and currently enrolled college students know about our scholarship.

Please welcome our new chapter officers for 2014. Our SAF chapter would not be able to function without these people volunteering their time to conduct the business of our organization:

- Todd Gildersleeve, chair
- John Melvin, vice chair
- Geri Bergen, treasurer
- Joanne Drummond, secretary

Also, thank you to Rich Wade for serving as our chapter treasurer over the past years. With his appointment to the Board of Forestry, we understand the demands on his time and sincerely appreciate his past service to SAF. Thank you Rich for your service and for representing RPFs on the Board of Forestry!

2014 meetings

Our February meeting topic was USFS international programs, specifically the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Office of Foreign Disaster Aid (OFDA) in disaster risk reduction efforts internationally, with a focus on NIMS/ICS adaptation and adoption by some countries in Asia and the Middle East. Dennis Orbus, division chief with Garden Valley Fire Protection District and FEMA reservist (operations specialist), was our speaker.

Along with this February meeting, the following meetings/ outings are planned for 2014:

- Placerville with Ann Chan
- Davis with Chris Fettig
- Grass Valley or Folsom with Ron Lanner
- Auburn with Jim Branham
- Sacramento or Carmichael on BioFuels
- Sacramento State University vicinity with George Gentry

All meetings are the third Thursday of the month, with the exception of the meeting in Davis, which will be on the third Wednesday of the month.

The California State Fair Forestry Center day for our chapter will be Thursday, July 24, and the Nevada County Fair forestry booth will be August 6–10.

Field tours include:

- Sierra Nevada Conservancy healthy forests projects
- Fallen Leaf Lake with Dave Fournier
- Marshall Gold Discovery with picnic or potluck.

Thank you again for being a member of SAF. We hope to see you soon!
**Treasurer’s report**—by John Bradford, NorCal SAF treasurer

### NorCal SAF Budget and Actuals (12/31/13)

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Although the 2013 end-of-year financial report shows a deficit, NorCal SAF has expenses that have not yet been reimbursed by our Forest Service grant. This reimbursement is more than the amount of the deficit. So, we ended 2013 in good shape financially.
Chapter updates

High Sierra Chapter
by Thomas W. Catchpole, chapter education cmte. chair

November 2013 meeting, Clovis, CA. Steve Byrd of Southern California Edison was our after-dinner speaker. He talked about wildlife and fire. Using examples from SCE Forestry units, he showed how they have chipped and burned old over mature brush after logging. After fire, brush sprouts back, making good deer browse without the dense brush. The most productive areas for wildlife are where two or more kinds of habitat meet, such as the edge of a forest, meadow and stream. Studies show that streams flow fuller after a fire in the watershed.

He went over what was learned from the great Yellowstone Fire and how fire needs to be re-introduced to the landscape to get it back to natural conditions. Many different wildlife species and other factors are improved by prescribe fire. The challenge is how can this be implemented? Much public education about fire is needed, along with some positive media coverage.

Cecil B. Metcalf Memorial Scholarship. The Cecil B. Metcalf Memorial Scholarship was awarded to two Reedley College forestry students. Rachel Matthews is from Reedley, CA, and has always had an interest in forests and wildlife. She would like to work for the Park Service, Forest Service or CAL FIRE and is considering HSU or Idaho State for a B.S. degree.

Laura Braswell is from Reedley, CA, and also is interested in forestry. In summer 2013, she worked in Wyoming as a forestry aide on a timber crew. She would like to pursue a B.S. degree in forestry.

December 2013 meeting, Clovis, CA. John Mount, retired SCE forester, and Joshua Soderlund, Reedley College forestry instructor, spoke on their experiences at the 2013 National SAF Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.

John noted that one benefit from the convention is meeting foresters from all over the United States and other countries. It is soon obvious that there are many different forest types and ways to manage them. He also noted that if you look at an organizational chart of some agencies, you see that all the higher paid foresters tend to be high on the chart with low paid seasonal workers doing the entire tree marking for harvest. Knowledgeable foresters should be marking harvest trees and carrying out forest management plans, while planning for the next 100 years. Mount feels that organizations should pay their foresters better so they will stay on the ground applying silvicultural prescriptions while being honest to the ecosystem.

The High Sierra Chapter 2014 election results:
Chair: Joshua Soderlund
Vice chair: Ryan Stewart
Treasurer: Michael Esposito
Secretary: Matthew Meadows

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Next ad submission deadline:
May 1, 2014
Amazing trees

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HRC/MRC Director, Forest Operations, John Anderson, sent this photo of a Douglas fir in Mendocino County. He notes, “Due to its location on a ridge top very close to the ocean, it likely has been battered by coastal winds for many decades to take on this unusual form. Based on the stand age in the vicinity, it is 200-250 years of age.”

Read more about Douglas fir on the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Plants Database: plants.usda.gov/core/profile?symbol=psme

Photo by HRC/MRC Director, Forest Operations, John Anderson.

***Have you seen an amazing tree lately? Do you have a good photograph of and information about it? If so, send it to Sara, NorCal SAF newsletter editor, sara.eliason@gmail.com for inclusion in the newsletter.***