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Hello Maine SAF Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the first signs of summer after a long, cold winter! It was a busy winter for the Maine Division of SAF, as we hosted the NESAF Winter Meeting. This year's meeting was held at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. It was hosted jointly with The Wildlife Society and the New England Forest Pest Council on March 8-10th, and it was a success. There were many great speakers and topics, and was attended by over 400 people! I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the meeting and make it such a success. I would also like to give a huge thank you to the program committee who put in countless hours of their time to put together the meeting.

I would like to recognize a couple of Maine SAF members who received awards at the NESAF Winter meeting: Everett Towle received the Distinguished Service Award, Jessica Leahey received the Ernest M. Gould Technology Transfer Award, and Kirby Ellis received the Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award. Congratulations on these remarkable achievements, and thank you for your contributions to the Maine SAF and the profession of Forestry.

The Maine Division's Executive Committee has been working hard after the NESAF Winter Meeting to prepare some summer field tours. Our member's at large (Alex Ingraham, Kirby Ellis, and Brian Roth) have come up with three great field tours. The first tour of the summer will be July 14th in the Rangeley area focusing on commercial thinnings in small diameter softwood stands. The second tour will be August 18th at the Barbara Wheatland Geospatial Lab at the University of Maine. This will be a class focusing on using the program QGIS. The final tour will be on October 7th in Portland, focusing on Chestnut Restoration in the State of Maine. We hope to see you at one of these exciting field tour options this summer. You will find all the information for these tours attached.

Mark your calendars for October 6th, as this will be the date of our Maine Division Fall Meeting. This year's meeting will be held in Portland jointly with the American Chestnut Foundation. Stay tuned for more details of this meeting later in the summer.

The Maine Division is going to have positions on the Executive Committee up for election this fall. The positions needing to be filled are Members at Large and Chair-Elect. If you are interested in one of these positions, or would like information on the positions, please contact this year's Chair Elect (Katie Manende) or myself. We are always looking for some new people with fresh ideas to help provide the best service to our members.

I hope to see many of you this summer and wish you all a safe, productive season.

Sincerely,



Robert Cousins
MESAF Chair