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FOREST GUILD ANNUAL NORTHEAST MEETING EXPLORES INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO CRITICAL ISSUES

Holden, MA — The Forest Guild’s third Northeast Regional meeting—April 24 and 25 in Northwood, New Hampshire—is being held at a critical time for forestry. Climate change is affecting our Northeast forest ecosystems. Regulation and market forces are diversifying the sources used to meet energy needs and turning eyes to the forest. Industrial divestiture, intergenerational estate transfers, and the land trust movement are changing the face of forestland ownership and management.



This two-day meeting will explore how foresters, allied professionals, and supporters can practice and promote ecologically, socially, and economically responsible forestry – excellent forestry – in challenging times. As always, there will be ample opportunities for lively discussions with colleagues and friends!

Forest Guild Northeast Region Director, Bob Perschel, describes the Forest Guild regional meeting as “the place where passion for forests and cutting-edge science come together to set the course for excellent forestry in New England.”

On April 24, featured keynote speaker Robert S. Seymour, the Curtis Hutchins Professor of Forest Resources at the University of Maine, will speak on the timely topic, “Darwin’s Forestry: Is our profession advancing scientifically, or merely reacting with opportunism?” Other scheduled presentations and discussions on April 24 will focus on the economics of excellent forestry, an overview of biomass opportunities and challenges, aggregating family-owned forests to enhance conservation and excellent forestry, new technology for field foresters, and a review of work on state and regional biomass standards.

Two field tours demonstrating excellent forestry in action will fill April 25. The morning tour will be at Saddleback Mountain, a 278-acre parcel owned and managed by the University of New Hampshire. In the afternoon at the James Tree Farm, we will see firsthand what excellent forestry can accomplish with 25 years of management.

The Forest Guild has strived to keep the costs for this high-value, two-day conference as low as possible to enable all those interested to attend.

WHAT: 2009 Forest Guild Northeast Regional Meeting

WHEN: April 24 & 25, 2009

WHERE: Camp Yavneh, Northwood, New Hampshire

COST: \$60 for students, \$135 for members, \$155 for non-members (day rates also available). Includes registration fees and meals. On-site, low-cost lodging is extra/optional.

INFO/REGISTRATION: www.forestguild.org/NEmeeting09.html or 505.983.8992 x 21

The Forest Guild, headquartered in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a national organization of more than 700 foresters, allied professionals, and supporters who manage forestlands in the United States and Canada and advocate for ecologically sound forest practices. The mission of the Forest Guild is to practice and promote ecologically, economically, and socially responsible forestry—“excellent forestry”— as a means of sustaining the integrity of forest ecosystems and the human communities dependent upon them. The Guild maintains a presence nationwide with staff and volunteer coordinators in 12 states and nearly all major forest regions of the country.

INTERVIEWS AND IMAGES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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