

Western NY SAF Chapter Field Tour Meeting

Meeting will be Friday October 4th from 10am to 2 pm. Mark Gooding and Sue Keister will be leading a tour to two woodlots that are making a comeback in different ways.

See the agenda below.

SAF credits have been applied for and the tour has been approved for 4 NYS DEC pesticide credits – category 2 and 9.

We will meet around 9:45 at Sprague's Maple Farms Restaurant 1048 Portville-Obi Road(Route 305), Portville NY 14770 – please use the west end of the parking lot away from the restaurant. Arrive on time so we can get to the first site by 10am – maps will be provided.

Early birds can go to breakfast as they open around 8am.

If you have any questions, contact Mark Gooding at 585-967-8364

Society of American Foresters Western NY Chapter Regional Field Tour Meeting

October 4, 2019 10am-3pm

Forest Regeneration and Revitalizing Un-healthy Forests

- 10-12pm** **1. Lyford Family Trust Ltd., Town of Portville, Cattaraugus County.**
- 45 min. -View impacts of past high grade harvest on forest health
-Low grade timber harvest to remove inferior overstory and preparation for regeneration of a new stand.
- 1 hour -Dealing with interfering vegetation in the understory. Mechanical treatments v. herbicide applications. Discussion of interfering/invasive species on the property, herbicide products, and methods of herbicide applications. Analysis of cost/benefit of the alternatives available.
- 15 min. -Landowner's perspective on treatments and future goals.
Travel to second site-Brown Bag Lunch
- 1-3pm** **2. Chrissado Farms, Inc., Town of Wirt, Allegany County**
- 15 min. -19 years of investment back into an abused property-longer term of ownership
- 45 min. -Timber Stand Improvement, Commercial & non-commercial, mechanical and chemical options
- 30 min. -A focus on wildlife, but what are the deer impacts. Are herbicides in the future? Can other measures control interfering vegetation?
-Emerald ash borer, its' impact on the property and past management efforts.
Will the loss of a tree species lead to increased understory invasives?
- 30 min. -Using technology to implement EQIP management practices. The GPS phone app Avenza will be demonstrated. If you are interested, be sure to download the map before the session and contact Sue Keister directly to receive map information to load into the map for use on site.