

Fall Stakeholders Meeting

October 18 & 19, 2007

Preston County, West Virginia

Please RSVP if you plan to attend (see bottom)

Tour Details:

Meet at Bill Slagle's Walnut Meadows Farm

10:30am. Tour will include nature trail, forest management, ginseng farm and other specialty agro-forestry activities. Bring a bag lunch and we will picnic on the grounds.

Meet at Rowlesburg World War II Museum at

2:30pm. Tour will include a guided tour of Cannon Hill Civil War, weather permitting, the World War II museum, and the renovated B&O Depot and caboose. There is a \$5 admission charge for the museum, and \$5 for the Cannon Hill tour.

Board Meeting: The AFHA Board will meet over dinner Thursday evening at Monroe's Restaurant in Kingwood. We will start approximately 6:30, depending on the length of the tour. Other AFHA stakeholders are welcome to have dinner here at a different table, or at other restaurants in the area.

Friday Stakeholders and Council Meeting at Rowlesburg VFW Hall. Two special program activities – Forest Carbon Offset presentation, and Interpretation Workshop. Lunch donation of \$10 each will be requested.

Lodging:

Hildreth Motel, Kingwood. 304-329-1145 Rates (includes tax) Single occupancy \$49.05, Double occupancy is \$55.59. A few rooms are blocked under "AFHA". Call to make your own reservations

Preston Inn, Kingwood. Historic Inn, 304-329-2220 or 1-800 252-3271, www.prestoncountyinn.com. Rates from \$70 to \$125 depending on room. No block, so call soon!

Thursday October 18th

10:30 am Tour of Walnut Meadows Farm
2:30 pm Rowlesburg WWII Museum
and Cannon Hill
6:30 pm Board dinner and meeting

Friday October 19th

9:30 am Introductions and Updates
10:30 am **Forest Carbon Offsets**
Rick Constantino (Forecon, Inc.)
12:00 noon Luncheon
1:00 pm **Finding Common Ground:**
How We Interpret Diverse Viewpoints
Facilitated by Dr. Dave Smaldone
3:00 pm Council Meeting

Directions:

To Walnut Meadows Farm:

From I 68 driving east from Morgantown, take exit 29 Hazelton, turn right end of ramp, straight through town 3 miles to first left after town which is Mountain Dale Road. Turn left and go 2 miles and the farm is on the right. Sign at driveway Walnut Meadows

From I68 driving west in Maryland, exit Friendsville MD, left at end of ramp, parallel interstate past Citgo station to top of hill. Take left on Blooming Rose Road over Interstate, go 3 miles to farm sign.

To Kingwood & Rowlesburg:

Directions from I-68. Get off at Bruceton Mills exit. Take Route 26 south to Albright. In Albright, cross the Cheat River bridge which takes you into Kingwood. At the stop light, go on Rt. 26 south about 1/2 mile to the Hel-dreth Motel. To go to Preston County Inn, turn right at the stop light, take Rt. 7 west. There will be another stop light and half-way up the hill (and before the next stop light) Monroe's restaurant is on the left. A big red building with a black awning with Monroe's written on it. To reach Preston County Inn, go through next stop light, pass the courthouse and the Inn is located on the right, just across from the Preston County Jail. There is a sign out front.

From Morgantown, take Route 7 east through Masontown and Reedsville. At

4-way stop stay on Rt. 7 east into Kingwood. Pass WesBanco, go one block and you will see Preston County Inn on the left. On next block after stop light, Monroe's is on the right. Stay on Rt. 7 east through next stop light. At third light, at Clear Mountain Bank, take a right about 1/2 mile to the Hel-dreth Motel.

From Kingwood to Rowlesburg -- take Rt. 7 east to the bottom of Caddell hill (1 mile). At the bridge, take Rt. 72 south to Rowlesburg (about 10 miles). Right before you get into town you will see a sign "Sander's Saw-mill". The museum is the building on the right and the Visitor's Center is on the left. Neither are large buildings, but both hold a wealth of treasures.

From the museum keep on Rt. 72 south until you reach the Community park. Take a right to another 4-way stop. To reach the VFW go left one block. The VFW hall is right across from Clear Mountain Bank. The dining room is in the lower level, and there is a small parking lot behind the building. Parking on the street is not metered.

To B&O depot and caboose, go straight at the 4-way stop, cross the tracks and you will see the caboose and the depot is right behind it.

From the south to Kingwood: Take Rt 92 north from US 50, go right on Rt 26 to Kingwood.

From the south to Rowlesburg: Take Rt 72 north from US 50.

RSVP

If you are planning to attend any portion of the meeting, please RSVP so that we will have count for meals and tours, and can send you updates of any last minute information. We need to give a lunch count by 10/15, so please try to RSVP by that date. You are still welcome even without RSVP, but you'll take your chances on enough food. Council and Board members please confirm your attendance or send proxy for our quorum count. Send RSVP by email to afha@appalachianforest.us or call 636-6182.

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