

## *2017 Cook Inlet Society of American Foresters*

### *Alaska Aspen Workshop, Fairbanks, AK*

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The 2017 Alaska Aspen Workshop will be held September 12-14, starting from Fairbanks and traveling through Delta and Tok. This Workshop originated from a presentation by Paul Rogers from the Western Aspen Alliance at the 2016 Alaska SAF meeting at Sheep Creek Lodge. Thanks to the interagency group who came together to make this workshop happen!

#### **Registration & Lodging**

- Registration covers expenses only for transportation and the dinner at Tanacross on Wednesday night. Other meals and all lodging must be paid by the participants directly. See the program summary below for details.
- For government entities providing payment for employees, the SAF W-9 is available on request.
- For questions about registration and payment, send a message to Roger Burnside, Cook Inlet Chapter treasurer at [reburnsi@gci.net](mailto:reburnsi@gci.net).
- For questions about the program and logistics, contact Sue Rodman at (907) 317-7236 or [sue.rodman@alaska.gov](mailto:sue.rodman@alaska.gov).

#### **Meeting Overview**

The Aspen workshop will begin in Fairbanks with a lecture session at the BLM Northern Field Office on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. After the lunch lecture, we will take a field trip to Nenana Ridge to visit treated sites where aspen regeneration support wildlife habitat. Dinner and lodging on your own.

On Wednesday, September 13, we will meet again at the BLM Fairbanks office at 8:00 am and depart for Delta. We will have lunch in Delta, then visit the Delta Junction Bison Range. Dinner will be in Tanacross (included with registration). We will overnight in Tok. A block of rooms has been reserved at Young's Motel; we encourage doubling up.

After breakfast on Thursday, September 14, we will visit the Tok Forestry Office and field sites. That afternoon, we will drive back to Fairbanks with an expected arrival time of 6:00 pm.

- A final meeting agenda will be available soon on the AKSAF website at [www.forestry.org/alaska](http://www.forestry.org/alaska)
- Registration is due August 25, 2017
- SAF CFE credits will be available; be sure to sign the CFE sheet to receive credit.



## *Program Agenda*

### Tuesday, September 12, 2017

BLM Northern Field Office, Fairbanks

- 8:00am – 12:00pm Science session  
12:30 – 1:00 Lunch Lecture (pay for your own meal)  
1:00 – 6:00pm Field Trip to Nenana Ridge (or other site pending road conditions)

### Wednesday, September 13, 2017

- 8:00am Meet at BLM Northern District Office, Leave Fairbanks  
Drive to Delta with field visits along the way  
12:00pm Lunch in Delta (pay for your own meal)  
1:00pm Delta Junction Bison Range  
4:30pm Depart Delta for Tanacross  
6:00pm Dinner and Lecture at Tanacross (dinner included with registration)  
Drive to Tok, Lodging at Young's Motel (reserve and pay for your own lodging)

### Thursday, September 14, 2017

- 8:00am Breakfast at Fast Eddies (pay for your own meal, Fast Eddies will pack a lunch for you)  
9:00am Tok Forestry Office, Field Sites  
After the field tour in Tok, we will drive back to Fairbanks  
6:00pm Arrive Fairbanks BLM

## *Objectives of the Alaska Aspen Workshop*

1. Communicate current science about aspen ecology, management, and issues to forest and land managers. Convene various disciplines to engage in the lectures and field sessions to engage in the 'primers' and share expertise in management and ecology (wildlife, water, fire, utility, harvest).
2. Address how the landscape-level perspective through mapping and vegetation sampling & monitoring can unite land managers to accomplish common and complementary objectives.
3. Discuss the current distribution of aspen on the landscape, the potential distribution, and how changes may influence natural resources and biomass values. Consider the effects of climate change, shifts in fire regime, and species migration.

## *Proposed Outcomes of the Aspen Workshop*

- Find innovative ways to cooperate among land owners to accomplish complementary objectives: Enhance wildlife habitat; Plan fuel breaks around homes and communities; Look at opportunities for biomass
- Compare various management techniques and results, apply successful treatment tools in new projects.
- Consider the changes in climate and fire with respect to aspen's future on the landscape.
- Evaluate pathogens and insects that affect aspen. Consider how these problems will affect current and future management.

**2017 Alaska Aspen Workshop  
Fairbanks – Delta - Tok, AK**

**Registration Form**  
*Due August 25, 2017*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Company/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime or cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Registration:</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> One-day Fairbanks registration (Tuesday, September 12) Includes morning lectures and afternoon field trip	\$20 ____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full registration</b> (Tuesday, September 12 - Thursday, September 14) Includes all lectures, transportation, and dinner on Wednesday All other meals and lodging must be paid separately by participant	\$75 ____
<b><u>Total Enclosed (Check only)</u></b> _____	\$ _____

**Payment Information:** AK SAF Tax ID # 23-7261430

*Due August 25th*

Make checks payable to: **Cook Inlet Chapter SAF**  
**Please mail this registration form with payment to:**

Cook Inlet Chapter SAF  
Attn: Aspen Workshop  
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Anchorage, AK 99524-0432

