

## 2013 ARRI Conference

### Agenda

Days Hotel and Conference Center, Flatwoods, West Virginia

August 6-7, 2013

#### Tuesday, August 6, 2013

- 7:30 am – 8:00 am      Registration
- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm      Load Buses for Field Trip to Brooks Run and Arch-Birch River.  
This field trip will include visits to active mining operations where participants can view the forestry reclamation approach. Participants should bring hard hats and steel-toed boots. Lunch will be provided.

#### Wednesday, August 7, 2013

- 7:00 am – 7:30 am      Meeting of Core Team – Charleston Room  
Meeting of Science Team – Braxton Room
- 7:30 am – 8:30 am      Joint Meeting of Core and Science Teams – Charleston Room
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am      Registration in Conference Center Lobby  
Poster Set up and Exhibitors in Lobby**
- 9:00 am              **Morning Moderator:** Keith O'Dell, Arch-Birch River
- 9:05 am              **“Welcome and Reforestation with WVDEP”**  
Tom Clarke, Director of Mining and Reclamation  
WVDEP  
Charleston, WV
- 9:30 am              **“OSM Update on Reforestation”**  
Tom Shope, Regional Director  
OSM  
Pittsburgh, PA
- 10:00 am             **“The Importance of Reforestation – Global, National, and Regional”**  
Ray Hicks, Professor Emeritus of Forestry  
West Virginia University  
Morgantown, WV
- 10:30 am             BREAK
- 11:00 am             **“Overview of the FRA – Update on Advisories”**  
Carl Zipper, Professor  
VPI&SU  
Blacksburg, VA
- 11:30 am             **“Tree Growth on Selected Substrates and the FRA”**  
Jeff Skousen, Professor of Soils and Reclamation Specialist  
West Virginia University  
Morgantown, WV

- 12:00 pm**      **ARRI REFORESTATION AWARD PRESENTATION**
- 12:30 pm**      **AWARDS LUNCHEON**
- 1:30 pm      **Afternoon Moderator:** Thomas Cook, Alpha Natural Resources
- 1:30 pm      **“CASRI (Central Appalachian Spruce Restoration Initiative) and the Mower Tract Ecological Restoration”**  
Evan Burks and Shane Jones  
USFS-Monongahela National Forest  
Elkins, WV
- 2:00 pm      **“Blight Resistant American Elm”**  
Mary Beth Adams  
USDA-Forest Service  
Elkins, WV
- 2:30 pm      BREAK
- 3:00 pm      **“State of Public and Private Hardwood Tree Nurseries”**  
George Hernandez and Ron Overton  
USDA-Forest Service
- 3:30 pm      **“Green Forest Works and Legacy Plantings”**  
Rebecca Dyer and Nathan Hall  
Univ. of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY
- 4:00 pm      **“NRCS Financial Assistance Programs”**  
Bill O’Donnell  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Morgantown, WV
- 4:30 pm      ADJOURN