
Roach-Bauer Forum News

A sponsored series of lectures with discussion on current forestry topics for foresters and related professionals in northwestern Pennsylvania and southwestern New York

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ROACH-BAUER FORESTRY FORUM HOSTS FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE, FORESTRY, AND CARBON MARKETS, APRIL 16

Discounted Reservations Due APRIL 2

The Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum will host Mr. Matthew S. Smith, Certified Forester and Director of Ecosystem Services of FORECON EcoMarket Solutions, LLC, on Thursday, April 16, at the Kane Country Club on U.S. 6, east of Kane in McKean County. The title of his presentation is “**Climate Change, Forestry, and Carbon Markets, Opportunities and Challenges for the Future**”. Mr. Smith will discuss important subjects such as carbon sequestration, effects of climate change on forest management, carbon markets, protocols to measure carbon offsets, and future carbon project development in the United States (US). The Forum starts at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, at the Kane Country Club on U.S. 6 east of Kane.

Mr. Matt Smith graduated with a B.S. degree in Forest Resource Management from SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry College at Syracuse, NY. He is a Certified Forester and member of the Society of American Foresters. Matt was recently approved as Adjunct Professor of Forestry at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Since early 2004, Matt has played a key role in the area of ecosystem service markets at FORECON in Falconer, NY. Matt is widely recognized as a leader in the area of forest carbon markets, carbon policy, and carbon project development in the US, and just recently returned from a consulting trip to Uruguay. He has served as an advisor or consultant to the Chicago Climate Exchange Forestry Committee, federal, state and local governments, investment groups, and landowners.

Early in 2007 Matt assisted in the development of a subsidiary of Forecon, Inc., FORECON Ecomarket Solutions, LLC. This business focuses on forest carbon sequestration, but also addresses other ecosystem services such as biodiversity and water, and the market based mechanisms to manage them.

The Kane Country Club is located on U.S. Route 6 about three miles east of Kane, Pa. Preceding the talk will be a no-host social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. **Reservations are required! Early reservations received by Thursday, April 2, are \$24.00.** The cost of reservations, through April 9, is \$25.00. The cost for full-time students pursuing a natural resource degree is \$6.00. No reservations will be accepted after April 9. To make reservations, contact the AHUG office, PO Box 133, Kane, PA 16735, at 814/837-8550, or fax 814/837-4950.

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