

California Society of American Foresters

2019 Summer Meeting-August 15th and 16th

The Eastern Sierra: California's Year-round Playground Mammoth Mountain Inn, Mammoth Lakes, CA

The last decade has created scenes of devastation across our California forests. The drought has weakened the natural defense systems of ecosystems and has fueled unprecedented wildfires that have led to loss of life, property, and have caused damage to the environment. These large fires have robbed federal budgets of money set aside for recreation, fire prevention, and other important programs. Do you know that the United States Forest Service now currently has a *\$5 billion* deferred maintenance backlog?

What are the reasons many people travel to these lands for the first time? If you said ***Recreation***, you are correct. After all the fires and dead trees, it's time to have some fun! Come to the Eastern Sierras where recreation opportunities are available on a year-round basis. Learn how these forests that exist above 8000 feet have escaped many of the other problems that have plagued west-side Sierra forests. Learn how the experts on the Inyo National Forest respond to the needs of forest fun-seekers through all four seasons.

As many of you know, the Eastern Sierra has been a key source of fresh water for Southern California for nearly 100 years. While years of water wars have frequented the news blotter, the last 20 years, things have been changing. Learn about new efforts to preserve the natural environment, the restoration of the Owens River and the continuing challenge that is presented by the dry lakebed at Owens Lake.

Thursday will start off with the California SAF Executive Committee (EC) meeting. The EC meeting will be held at the Mammoth Mountain Inn. The business meeting is open to all interested individuals.

"The Eastern Sierra: California's Year-round Playground" meeting will officially begin on **Thursday evening** with a wonderful evening program, including a social hour and a buffet dinner. The evening will continue with a raffle, acknowledgments and guest speakers.

Friday's carpool tour will begin with a tour of the Hot Creek Fish Hatchery, where fish that will provide recreation opportunities across the Sierra are reared. Later stops will focus on Los Angeles Department of Water and Power projects and recreational opportunities in the Owens Valley, the history of the Inyo National Forest, and how Forest Service recreational specialists balance the recreational need of all the fun-seekers and adventurers who visit the area. At the end of our tour we will return to Mammoth Mountain Ski Area for an exciting gondola ride to the top of 11,053' Mammoth Mountain where you will be able to take in the late afternoon vista and see many significant parts of the Sierras.

Mark your calendars now and register for the 2019 California SAF Summer Meeting at the Mammoth Mountain Inn in Mammoth Lakes, CA. Join us to learn more about the plethora of recreational pursuits that people enjoy in the area. When booking your reservation be sure to **call 1 (800) 626-6684** and use the **group code: California Society of American Foresters** to get the special SAF group rate.

Come early or stay long and enjoy the many summer outdoor activities in the greater Mammoth Lakes area! Visit the historic towns of Lone Pine, Independence and Bishop. Go a little north on US 395 to see Bodie Ghost Town or to visit picturesque Mono Lake. Or just bring your fishing pole and find your own special spot. For additional ideas, go to: www.visitmammoth.com.

Questions? Contact Kevin Locke at ncsaf@mcn.org

CFE credits will be available from the Society of American Foresters

2019 Summer Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 15th

Thursday – August 15th Executive Committee

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting at Mammoth Mountain Inn

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting continued

Thursday – August 15th Evening Program at Mammoth Mountain Inn

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Registration and Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Buffet Dinner, Raffle, Acknowledgments and Friday Field Tour Update

7:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Guest Speaker – Overview – Mammoth Mountain and the Town of Mammoth Lakes

8:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Guest Speaker – Dr. Shoana Humphries – “The Green Value Tool”

Friday, August 16th

Friday – August 16th Field Tour & Speakers/Meeting

7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Registration (*Breakfast is on your own at resort*)

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Welcome

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Carpool to Fish Hatchery

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Hot Creek Fish Hatchery, Manager Mike Escallier

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Travel to next stop

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Overview of Owens Valley and Water Resources, DWP representative

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Travel to Lunch Stop (TBD)

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Inyo National Forest Overview, Inyo NF personnel

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Return to Mammoth Mountain Inn

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Gondola Ride to the top of Mammoth Mountain

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Recreational Opportunities on the Inyo National Forest/Mammoth Lakes Area, Inyo NF personnel, Sightseeing, Group Photo

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Gondola Ride down to Main Lodge

4:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourns

Mammoth Mountain Inn: (*Group Room Rates End August 1st*)

10400 Minaret Rd.

Mammoth Lakes, CA 93543

<https://www.themammothmountaininn.com/>

Please call **1 (800) 626-6684** for reservations and use ID #28682 or California Society of American Foresters

Group Rates: Tuesday (8/13) to Friday (8/15) - \$119 (plus \$20 resort fee and taxes)

Other Local Travel & Lodging Information: www.visitmammoth.com

2019 Summer Meeting Registration Form

Online Registration: <https://2019-californiasaf-summer-meeting.eventbrite.com>

Name: _____

(One name per form- copy for other registrants. This is how your name will appear on your name tag.)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Chapter: _____

Email: _____

Registration Fees

	# of People	Total Amount
<u>REGISTRATION Received by August 5th</u>		
<i>Full Registration includes <u>Thursday evening program/dinner and Friday field tour, lunch and gondola ride</u></i>		
SAF Member	\$120 _____	_____
SAF Member Guest	\$130 _____	_____
Non-SAF Member	\$160 _____	_____
Student Rate	\$60 _____	_____

THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAM & DINNER ONLY REGISTRATION

(This option is for those that wish to attend the THURSDAY evening dinner only)

SAF Member/Guest Thursday Evening Program	\$50 _____	_____
Non-Member Thursday Evening Program	\$60 _____	_____

LATE REGISTRATION Received after August 5th

Full Registration includes Thursday evening program/dinner and Friday field tour, lunch and gondola ride

SAF Member	\$135 _____	_____
SAF Member Guest	\$145 _____	_____
Non-SAF Member	\$180 _____	_____
Student Rate	\$60 _____	_____

LATE REGISTRATION - THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAM & DINNER ONLY REGISTRATION

SAF Member/Guest Friday Evening	\$60 _____	_____
Non-Member Friday Evening Celebration	\$75 _____	_____

Donate to help support the student Foresters Fund _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Make checks payable to NorCal SAF & mail to: *NorCal SAF, P.O. Box 1034, Murphys, CA 95247*
NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 5TH, 2019