Central Hardwood Oak Ecology and Wildlife Management Conference
March 7 and 8, 2017
The Season Lodge in Nashville, Indiana

Tuesday March 7th		
11:00am – 1:00pm	Check in and Registration (lunch on your own)	
1:00 - 1:15pm	Welcome and Introduction	
1:15 – 2:00pm	Ecological Importance of Oak in the Central Hardwoods, *Steve Shifley, Research Forester, USFS Northern Research Station*	
2:00 – 2:45pm	Oak Biology and Disturbance Ecology, *Mike Jenkins, Associate Professor of Forest Ecology, Purdue University*	
2:45 – 3:00pm Break		
3:00 – 3:45pm	Deer and Oak Forests, *Susan Stout, Research Forester, USFS* Northern Research Station	
3:45 – 4:30pm	New Funding for Forest Management, *NRCS and Division of Forestry (Joint Chiefs and Young Forest Initiative)*	
4:30 – 5:30pm	Poster Session, Free time and Hotel Check-in	
5:30 – 6:30pm	The Wildlife Society and Indiana Society of American Foresters Business Meetings and Indiana Prescribed Fire Council Meeting	
6:30 – 8:00pm	Buffet Dinner	
8:00 – 10:00pm	Social Time and Cash Bar	
Wednesday March 8th		
7:00 – 8:30am	Breakfast Buffet	
Concurrent Session	**Wildlife Management**	**Forest Management**
8:30 – 9:15am	Bird Response to Forest Management, Patrick Ruhl Purdue University	Silvicultural Methods for Oak Regeneration, Michael Saunders, Purdue University
9:20 – 10:05 am	Combating Grouse Decline: Kentucky's Grouse and Young Forest Initiative; Zak Danks, KDFWR Grouse Coordinator	Fire and Oak Silviculture, Patrick Brose, Research Forester, USFS
10:05 – 10:30am Break		
Concurrent Session	**Wildlife Management**	**Forest Management**
10:30 – 11:15am	Bat Response to Forest Management, Kiefer Titus, HEE Project	Shelterwood: A Practical Approach, Chris Neggers TNC Forester
11:15 – 12:00pm	Community Deer Advisor: Decision Support for Communities Managing Deer, TNC/Cornell University TBD	Decision Criteria for Regenerating Oak, Patrick Brose, Research Forester, USFS
12:00 pm	**Adjourn and Lunch on your own**	
1:00-3:30 pm	**Optional Field Tour – Fire in Oak Forests – Meet in the Seasons Lodge Parking Lot. Carpool or caravan to local sites. See description below.**	

General Conference Questions or Concerns: Contact Dan Shaver at dshaver@tnc.org or 812-374-9441

Optional Field Tour: Fire in Oak Forests. Visit the Hitz Rhodehamel Woods Nature Preserve and see how reintroduction of a fire regime, mid-story removal and invasive species control have restored a dry-mesic oak woodland and improved habitat for wildlife, stimulated the forest understory and impacted timber value. Local professionals and some of our speakers will be on hand to discuss the site and impacts to the forest.

Poster Session: For information or to set up a poster, contact Mike Saunders, Associate Professor of Hardwood Silviculture at msaunder@purdue.edu

Conference Facility: The Seasons Lodge, 560 State Road 46 E, Nashville, IN 47448

Continuing Education: This conference will be assigned contact hours for continuing education credits for Society of American Foresters and will be eligible for continuing education by The Wildlife Society

Lodging: The Seasons Lodge is holding a block of rooms for $79.00 per room until **February 7th**. Reservation can be made by calling 1-800-365-7327. Mention you are with the Wildlife Society/ Society of American Foresters Meeting. Nashville has other lodging options if desired.

Dietary Needs or Accessibility Assistance: Please contact Dan Shaver at dshaver@tnc.org.

Registration: Pre-registration is required in order to plan meals and breaks. Please register on-line or return the registration form below with a check by **February 20, 2017**. Registration pays for part of the total cost of breaks, meals, transportation and speakers. Registration and checks can be mailed to Dale Weigel, 143 The Woods, Bedford, IN 47421. Make checks payable to Indiana Society of American Foresters.

Online registration and payment link (PayPal): Follow this link for PayPal, www.indianasaf.org

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Registration Form: Due by February 20th

Make Checks Payable to **Indiana Society of American Foresters**

Attending both days: _____ @ $84 each **Total $_____**

Attending one day: _____@ $60 each **Total $_____**

Student Registration: _____@ $60 each **Total $_____**

Total Amount: $_____

Name:_____ **Company:_____**

Maililng Address:_____

Phone:_____ **Email:_____**

Check all that apply:

Special dietary needs or accessibility assistance? Yes_____ TWS Member____ or SAF Member____

Do you plan to attend the field tour on Wednesday, March 8th? YES_____ NO_____