

Outlook 2007 Speakers

Barbara J. Bramble

Barbara J. Bramble is Senior Program Advisor for International Affairs for the National Wildlife Federation, and a strong advocate to improve U.S. policy regarding global problems such as climate change and unsustainable agriculture production and trade. Over two decades at National Wildlife Federation, as founder and director of NWF's International Affairs department, she has helped to place environmental issues in the center of economic decision-making. She has developed international NGO networks to: reform the World Bank and other multi-lateral development banks; advocate that international trade agreements promote rather than frustrate sustainable development; and increase foreign assistance commitments from industrialized nations. Ms. Bramble was a key organizer of the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and the Rio + 5 Conference in 1997. For the last four years she headed NWF's capacity building program in Mexico, helping Mexican NGOs to enhance their advocacy and environmental education skills. She serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations in Mexico, Brazil and the U.S., and is the chair of the board of the Forest Stewardship Council of the U.S. She is an environmental lawyer, and has worked for the Executive Office of the U.S. President, and in private law practice.

Sally D. Collins

Sally Collins was named Associate Chief for the USDA, Forest Service, August 2001. Prior to her selection as Associate Chief, Collins had been the Associate Deputy Chief for the National Forest System since April 2000. With over more than 20 years with the Forest Service in both Washington DC and Oregon, she has held positions including Deputy Forest Supervisor and Forest Supervisor of the Deschutes National Forest and Planner on the Siuslaw National Forest. She worked for with the Bureau of Land Management in Colorado for four years, serving as a Wilderness Specialist, Environmental Coordinator, and Energy Minerals Coordinator. She was born in Ames, Iowa and received her Bachelor's degree in Outdoor Recreation from the University of Colorado and her Master's degree in Public Administration, with a Natural Resources Emphasis, from the University of Wyoming.

Frederick J. Deneke

Fred Deneke is a forestry specialist with the 25x25 Initiative, which is working to get 25 percent of our energy from renewable resources like wind, solar, and biofuels by the year 2025. Fred served in key leadership positions since joining the U.S. Forest Service in 1977. He served as a Legislative Fellow on Capitol Hill, and became National Program Leader at the USDA Extension Service. In 1980, Fred was assigned to the U.S. Forest Service National Headquarters as National Urban Forestry Coordinator for Cooperative Forestry, leading the

"America the Beautiful" National Tree Planting Initiative after helping to write the expanded language for Urban and Community Forestry in the 1990 Farm Bill. In 2000 Fred took on an Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment at the University of Arizona. Fred retired after 32 years of federal service in July 2005. A native of Beloit, Kansas, Fred Deneke has a Ph.D. in Horticulture from Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. After serving in the US Army from 1970-73 with the Corps of Engineers Laboratory in Fairbanks, Alaska, Fred returned to Kansas State as an assistant professor, where he developed one of the first Urban and Community Forestry college courses in the nation and co-authored the first university textbook on Urban Forestry.

James DiMaio

Jim DiMaio is Chief, Massachusetts Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry. Jim was born and raised in Massachusetts. In 1971, he received a BS in Forest Management from the University of Massachusetts and has continuing education credit from Colorado State University, Oregon State University, and University of Washington towards a master's degree in forest silviculture. Jim served as a Peace Corp volunteer for over 2 years in Niger, West Africa and with the USDA Forest Service for over 29 years stationed in New England, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Michigan. His career included responsibilities as a forester, certified silviculturist, district ranger, program leader, and forest planner. In 2003, he began serving as Massachusetts Chief Forester for the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Jim holds a Massachusetts Forester License and is a Society of American Forester Certified Forester. He belongs to the Society of American Foresters, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Association, and National Association of State Foresters.

Ross W. Gorte

Ross Gorte is a policy specialist in the Natural Resources Section of the Science, Resources, and Industry Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) in Washington, DC, and served as section head from 1992-1999 and from 2002-present. He joined CRS as an analyst in 1983. At CRS, Dr. Gorte provides objective, nonpartisan data, information, and analysis on existing federal policies and on proposed changes in policies and programs for the Members and Committees of Congress, focusing on federal lands and resources; and timber industry, taxation, and trade. Dr. Gorte has a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management (1975) and a Masters of Business Administration (1976) from Northern Arizona University, and a Ph.D. in forest economics (1981) from Michigan State University; his dissertation was on fire effects appraisal. Before joining CRS in 1983, he worked as an economist for the National Forest Products Association in Washington, DC, from 1979 to 1982.

Timothy Maker

Timothy Maker is the founding Executive Director and also serves as the technical director of the Biomass Energy Resource Center. He is a nationally recognized leader in the fields of biomass heating and CHP applications for community uses and public schools. Prior to joining

BERC at its founding in 2001, Mr. Maker was for 15 years principal of EEA Biomass, a consulting firm that specialized in wood heating for schools, public buildings and community district energy. He is the author of two books on these subjects. During his 20 years in the biomass field, Mr. Maker has carried out numerous detailed technology surveys and market assessment studies of biomass applications. He is a member of the Fuels For Schools Implementation Team, a member of the National Biomass Energy Team and is a frequent presenter at national conferences. He holds a BS in Engineering Physics from Cornell University.

Catherine M. Mater

Catherine Mater is president of Mater Engineering, Ltd. (a 50+-year-old forest products engineering firm based in Corvallis Oregon). Catherine Mater has over 30 years of research and design experience working in the forest industry in value-added product development and evaluating potential from woody biomass and residual fiber. Her current research focuses on ways to levelize biomass supply within ecological landscapes across multiple public and private forestland ownerships. She is coordinating ten resource offering protocol (CROP) pilot projects located in 14 states and involving 25 million acres of forest across the US. The pilots projects encompass 27 National Forests (84 ranger districts), 35 BLM field offices, 50 state agencies, 24 Indian Nations, and over 200 city and county jurisdictions. All ten CROP pilots are scheduled for completion in 2007. Mater is a Senior Fellow with the Pinchot Institute for Conservation in Washington DC, and serves on the USDA Forestry Research Advisory Council. Mater holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering, both from Oregon State University.

Steven Jay Mueller

Steve Mueller serves as President of DG Energy Solutions. Prior to the formation of DGES, Steve was the proprietor of the San Diego Power and Cooling district cooling system that supplies chilled water to 22 properties in Downtown San Diego. From 1995 to present, he has served in various executive and board capacities with Wilton InterPower LLC, the founding partner in the largest independent power producer in Poland. From 1975 to 1994, Steve was a founding executive with Data Acquisition Sciences, Inc., based in New York City. During the 1980s, DAS established a strong technical presence both in New York and Southern California with small commercial cogeneration systems. Steve graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a major in economics and a minor in political science.

V. Alaric Sample

Al Sample has served as President of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation in Washington, DC since 1995. He is a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters, and a Research Affiliate on the faculty at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He is author of numerous research papers, articles and books on topics in national and international forest policy. His most

recent book is *Forest Conservation Policy*, with Antony Cheng, published in 2004. Sample earned his doctorate in resource policy and economics from Yale University (1989). He also holds an MBA and a Master of Forestry from Yale, and a Bachelor of Science in forest resource management from the University of Montana. His professional experience spans public, private, and non-profit organizations, including the U.S. Forest Service, Champion International, The Wilderness Society, and the Prince of Thurn und Taxis in Bavaria, Germany. He specialized in resource economics and forest policy as a Senior Fellow at the Conservation Foundation in Washington, DC, and later as Vice President for Research at the American Forestry Association. Sample has served on numerous national task forces and commissions, including the President's Commission on Environmental Quality task force on biodiversity on private lands, and as co-chair of the National Commission on Science for Sustainable Forestry.

The Honorable Ron Wyden

The Honorable Ron Wyden is in his third term as Senator from Oregon. Senator Wyden holds the Senate seat once held by his mentor, the late Wayne Morse. Senator Wyden currently serves as chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, within the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Other Senate committees on which Wyden serves include: Finance, Select Intelligence, Budget, and the Special Committee on Aging. Before his election to the Senate in 1996, he served 15 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. Senator Wyden attended the University of California at Santa Barbara on a basketball scholarship before receiving his B.A. with distinction from Stanford University. He received a J.D. degree from the University of Oregon School of Law and taught gerontology at several Oregon universities.