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2021 ASFP MEMBERSHIP INVOICES

The 2021 ASFP membership invoices were recently distributed via email to all members. All dues are to be paid, continuing competency hours are to be reported and commitment to the Code of Ethics is to be signed and submitted to ASFP **no later than February 15, 2021**. Please note, if a membership is being paid by the employer, it is still the member's duty to submit their form to report his or her continuing competency hours for the year and to sign their commitment to the Code of Ethics.

Membership rates are:

ASFP Membership Category	PRICE
Registered Professional Forester	\$360
Registered Professional Forest Technologist	\$360
Professional Forester-in-Training	\$180
Professional Forest Technologist-in-Training	\$180
Restricted Member	\$360
Leave of Absence	\$180
Retired	\$90

Late fees will be applied to all payments received after the due date.

Please email register@asfp.ca if you have not yet received your invoice.

2021 CIF MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

You will be able to pay your CIF dues for renewal or new membership through the ASFP again for 2021. If you wish to renew this separately, you may do so online at www.cif-ifc.org. The membership fees are:

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	STUDENT	RETIRED	ACTIVE
Alberta, Northwest Territories, Yukon, Nunavut, Saskatchewan, British Columbia (5% tax included)	\$63.00	\$63.00	\$147.00

UPCOMING REGISTRATION EXAM

The next scheduled exam is **Monday, January 11th, 2021**. **To register for the exam**, contact register@asfp.ca **no later than December 31st, 2020**.

If you have registered for the exam, please make sure that you receive a reminder email the week prior to the exam. If you have not received one by Monday, January 4th, 2021, contact register@asfp.ca immediately to confirm your registration. **Remember, there are study materials available on the website to help you prepare for the exam.** Go to the following link to access these resources: <http://www.asfp.ca/entering-the-profession/registration-exam>

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2020-2022 ASFP Council, Committees, and Representatives

Executive Committee

President - Darryl Sande, RPF
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For a small charge, the ASFP distributes forestry or resource-based **Job Opportunities** via email to our members. In addition to this email, we are now posting job opportunities on our website. Check it out: <http://asfp.ca/job-centre>. If your company has a job opportunity and wants it viewed by our entire membership, contact the ASFP office at registrar@asfp.ca.

Are you ASFP's next REGISTRAR?

Add an Edge to your Career!

The Association of Saskatchewan Forestry Professionals (ASFP) is seeking applications for the position of Registrar located in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

About the ASFP

The ASFP seeks both to promote the profession of forestry and its members and to satisfy the public demand for competent and ethical management of the province's forests. The Association is home to Saskatchewan's forestry practitioners who wish to demonstrate their dedication and ongoing commitment to the profession.

The objectives of the Association are:

- To establish and maintain high standards of professional ethics and excellence for members in the professional practice of forestry.
- To assure the general public of the knowledge, skill, proficiency, and competency of members in the professional practice of forestry.
- To promote and improve the knowledge, skill, proficiency, and competency of members in all matters relating to the professional practice of forestry.
- To foster the professional practice of forestry by members in a manner that is in the public interest of the people of Saskatchewan.

This is a part-time permanent position based on an average of 8 hours per week.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to registrar@asfp.ca. We would like to thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Click on the link below for more information.

 [Registrar_Job_Posting.pdf](#)

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Can this be the next step to your next career?

Are you a highly motivated, energetic and innovative individual interested in providing senior leadership and direction on the management of Saskatchewan's Forest Service?

Here is an incredible career opportunity for you!

The Forest Service Branch within the Ministry of Environment has an exciting senior management opportunity for the position of **Executive Director, Forest Service** located in Prince Albert.

Reporting to the Assistant Deputy Minister, this position will:

- set the direction for sustainable forest management while ensuring the balance of social, cultural, ecological and economic opportunities and outcomes.
- promote long-term sustainability and stewardship of the province's forest resources 36 million hectares of publicly-owned provincial forest as defined under the Forest Resources Management Act is integral to the branch mandate.
- provide leadership to a branch complement of approximately 60 staff, including six direct management reports, set overall branch direction, establish challenging targets and motivate staff to achieve high level performance.
- provide oversight for the branch's administration and operations, in addition to representing the branch and ministry on various inter-ministerial and inter-agency committees.

saskatchewan.ca/careers

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Closing Date: Tuesday, January 5th, 2021.

For more information see the link below

 [Min_of_Environment_-_Executive_Director_Forest_Service.pdf](#)

The Government of Saskatchewan offers a wide range of careers with purpose and passion. Their people enjoy an enviable work/life balance in an environment that supports creativity, innovation and diversity while providing learning and career development opportunities. They are helping make Saskatchewan the best place to live, work and raise our families, by building the best public service in Canada. Join the team!



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Here is another exciting opportunity for you!

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment has an opportunity in the Forest Service Branch located in Prince Albert.

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, Forest Service Branch is currently recruiting for a Forest Ecosystem Technician position in the Inventory and Data Management unit located in the Prince Albert office. The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to ensuring workplace health and safety. In our commitment to excellence we demonstrate innovation, collaboration and transparency, practice effective and accountable use of resources and promote engagement and leadership at all levels. If you are a highly motivated, proactive, self-directed individual, having an analytical mind-set with experience in forest inventory/growth and yield and an interest in conducting field surveys in Saskatchewan's northern forest regions this position will be of interest to you.

This position will be responsible for the planning, supervising and implementation of field survey projects that support the provincial forest inventory and growth and yield programs.

Click the link below to know more about this Job opportunity.

 [Min_of_Environment_-_Forest_Ecosystem_Technician.pdf](#)

Closing Date: December 31, 2020

Looking for the perfect Permanent Full-Time Opportunity?

The Ministry of Environment is seeking a highly-motivated, detail-oriented and innovative Resource Data Specialist to join our Forest Service team in Prince Albert. Reporting directly to the Manager of Inventory and Data Management, you will be responsible for administering the Forest Service branch's Geographic Information System and spatial forest activity data.

What The Employer Offers:

- Dynamic, interesting work;
- A competitive salary;
- Comprehensive benefits package including pension;
- Vacation, earned days off (EDO) and other types of leave;
- Inclusive work environments;
- Personal development and training;
- Advancement opportunities; and
- Flexible work arrangements.

Click the link below to learn more about this Job opportunity.

 [Min_of_Environment_-_Research_Data_Specialist.pdf](#)

For more information on this and other opportunities in the public service, visit saskatchewan.ca/careers

Closing Date: January 3, 2021

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Featured Article - The Forest History Society of Saskatchewan

A SPECIAL SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE WESTERN CONSTRUCTION LUMBER CAMP

Adapted from Riverlore by Harold J. Fenske

On the last Saturday of November, in 1940, ten year old Harold Fenske and his brother Herb were very excited boys. The two boys had been told that they would be allowed to travel into the woods to the Western Construction lumber camp to see a live picture show.

Harold and his brother lived with their parents in a log house near the headwaters of the Assiniboine River in eastern Saskatchewan. Two older brothers were away working in the lumber camps. Older sister, Lena, had recently married and moved to her husband Werner's homestead two miles downstream from the home place.

The Fenske farm was near the southern boundary of the Porcupine Forest. Within the forest boundaries, Western Construction ran a number of logging operations and a large sawmill.

As a major lumber company, Western Construction required the services of three to four hundred workers and their horses to harvest the wood and get the logs to the mill site. Ordinarily, the fringe settlements and hardscrabble farms along the fringe of the Porcupine Forest provided a constant supply of workers. In 1940, with Canada having entered World War II in 1939, there was beginning to be a shortage of manpower. The war effort was threatening to draw off a large number of the men upon whom the mill depended. Putting on a special event for the workers' families was a way for the company to show their appreciation for the employees.

It had been arranged that the boys would be picked up by sister Lena and her husband Werner, late on the Saturday afternoon. In anticipation of this, the boys made sure that they got all of their chores done on time and were ready to go when the enclosed cutter pulled into the yard.

While Herb went out to check their trapline, Harold split and hauled firewood, carried clean snow to the galvanized steel barrel in the kitchen, spread new straw in the barn stalls, and poured a bucket of chop (crushed oats and barley) into each manger.

Once the chores were completed, the boys hurried back into the house to await the arrival of their transportation. Outside there was softly falling snow, while inside, the warmth and stillness enhanced the dreamy sound of the kettle on the back of the kitchen stove.

Warner and Lena arrived with an enclosed cutter pulled by a dappled grey horse named Dolly and her nondescript brown companion. The two boys were quickly tucked into the back where they tried to make themselves comfortable on a bag stuffed with hay. It would be a two hour journey to the logging camp. They knew that they would soon be joined by many other teams, as there were hundreds of men working at the mill and all the families had been invited to the main camp at Big Valley Lake.

As they headed north into the Porcupine Forest Reserve, their trail merged with the one from Rockford. They could now see a number of closed-in rigs all heading in the same direction. Roughly half way to Big

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Valley the trail entered Cook's Lake. In the summer a meandering road followed the east shoreline of this long narrow lake. Now the lake had frozen over and the ice was covered with several inches of packed snow. It made good sense to divert onto the lake. Once on the ice it seemed that the drivers and their horses followed an unspoken routine. They fanned out until there were five or six teams abreast. Then came the word: "Alright Dolly," and the dapple grey and her partner bounded forward in an attempt to take the lead. Realizing that their horses still had a long way to travel, the teamsters soon reined in their teams. Harold remembers that it was an exciting race while it lasted.

On the arrival at Big Valley, with the horses attended to, everyone crowded into the big mess hall for the Saturday night movie. The hall was filled with children, girlfriends and wives, interspersed with rugged lumberjacks. Harold's two older brothers, who worked for the company, joined them for the show.

Long rows of tables were set out across the hall and these were already set with various condiments which hinted at the huge feast they would enjoy after the show. It didn't take the children long to discover the soda crackers.

Then the hall was darkened and the show began. For many, including Harold, seeing a moving picture show was a totally new experience. Even though the images were in black and white, the audience was soon enthralled as the heroine was tied to the railway tracks by the villain. Meanwhile, a huge fire-breathing, steam-belching locomotive was thundering towards them. The very walls shook with its ferocity.

Finally, when the heroine had been successfully rescued, the show ended and the kitchen crews swept in with mounds of delicious food. The highlight of the meal for Harold was a huge slab of homemade pie. A request for a second piece was not turned down.

It was very late when the first rigs began to move out for the return trip to home. The darkness was intense but once the lights of the camp disappeared behind them, their eyes adjusted to the shadowy scenery along the road. A bright moon peeked out occasionally but when it disappeared again they had only the reflective white snow to provide some illumination to the box-like rigs on the trail ahead.

At one point, Harold, sensing that it had been a long time since they had left the smoothness of Cook's Lake, began to wonder if they had missed the turnoff. Werner was quick to assure him that this was not likely as Dolly would let them know when to turn. They were going down a gentle decline and the team had broken into a brisk trot when suddenly they slowed to a walk. Their ears, twisting back and forth, indicated that something unusual was about to happen. Sure enough, Dolly had spotted the turnoff and ready or not, they were taking it.




It was now well past midnight. Saturday, with all the excitement, had come and gone. They could now relax and reflect upon what a good time they had. The horses would get them safely home to the log house on the banks of the Assiniboine River.

*If you liked this article and would like to read more like it, email John Daisly at j.daisley@xplornet.ca to subscribe. Subscription is free for members of **The Forest History Society of Saskatchewan**, and \$10 for non-members. Members of The Forest History Society of Saskatchewan also get to receive a copy of *A History of Forestry in Canada* by Gilbert Paille for only \$5. Non-members can purchase this book for \$42. Membership to the Historical Society is only \$25, so this is a real bargain. So join now!*





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-  [Ontario Protecting Forest Health and Forest Sector Sustainability](#)
-  [Canada to challenge U.S. softwood lumber export duties through World Trade Organization](#)
-  [After Drought And Wildfires, California's Giant Sequoias Face A New Enemy: Bark Beetles](#)
-  [Canada's Forest Sector Offers Recommendations To Federal Government On Green Recovery](#)
-  [Changing forests: Researchers find climate shapes initial steps of soil formation in boreal forests](#)
-  [Residential Construction Is Recovering Faster Than Non-Residential Construction](#)

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-  Insights
-  Northern Notes
-  Sustainable Forest Initiative
-  The Working Forest

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THIS MONTHLY PUBLICATION PROVIDES INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS FROM THE CIF AND ASFP ABOUT UPCOMING WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS, FIELD TOURS, CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES, AND FORESTRY NEWS.

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