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TREE FARM SIGNS AVAILABLE SOON

For years the American Tree Farm Sign has been a symbol of sustainable forestry proudly displayed by Tree Farm members nationwide. We at the Green Timber Tree Farm Group are planning to distribute Tree Farm signs to our group members so they too can display their commitment to long term sustainable forest management. One free sign will be provided to each group member courtesy of the Michigan Chapter of the American Tree Farm System. If a group member would like to



display multiple signs on their property, signs can be purchased for \$30.00 each. If you would like to purchase signs, please fill out the order form included with this newsletter and return it with your payment, along with payment for 2009 dues. The Tree Farm signs have been ordered and should be shipped to the Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. office within a few weeks. Once we receive the signs we will begin distributing them to our group members.

Terms: The Certified Family Forest™ and ATFS crossbar signs remain the property of the American Tree Farm System and the American Forest Foundation and can be withdrawn should the landowner fail to remain in conformance with the American Forest Foundation's Standards of Sustainability for Forest Certification.

GREEN TIMBER EMPLOYEES ATTEND ACF CONFERENCE IN ALASKA

In June 2008, Justin, Jim and Rexx ventured to Anchorage, Alaska for the National Association of Consulting Foresters Conference. Justin, who is currently vice president of the Michigan ACF Chapter, attended the business meeting and educational conference. Jim and Rexx, who are working



towards full ACF membership, attended the required consulting forestry workshop.

The trip would not have been complete without some time spent sightseeing and fishing. The crew was able to fit in a successful halibut charter operated out of Seward. They also took part in a glacier tour and spent some time

salmon fishing on a river near Anchorage, in between conference events. They hit the king salmon run just right, and Justin was lucky enough to land the twenty-five pound salmon seen in the picture to the right.

The trip was very educational and enjoyable. It is events such as these that keep Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. current on forestry topics and technologies.



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About the American Tree Farm System

- Founded in 1944
- Includes over 60,000 certified properties
- Represents about 26 million acres

www.treefarmssystem.org



FROM THE GROUP MANAGER:

THIRD PARTY VERIFICATION ACHIEVED, GREEN TIMBER TREE FARM GROUP GROWS.

The Green Timber Tree Farm Group expanded in 2008. On May 1st the group achieved third party certification following a successful audit conducted by Gene Francisco of Francisco Forestry Consulting, located in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. The audit proceeded very smoothly and it was determined that the group complied with all of the required standards. During the audit, three properties enrolled in the Green Timber Tree Farm Group were visited. According to Gene, the auditor, all of the management that has taken place or is prescribed on these properties follows sound and sustainable forestry practices. This management considers current land conditions and landowner goals, along with and soil and water quality issues.

As anticipated, 2008 brought a dramatic increase in the number of group members and total acres enrolled in the Green Timber Tree Farm Group. The charter group, started in 2007, consisted of six members encompassing 1,172 acres. As of January 2009, the group has grown to 38 members, with a total ownership of 22,875 acres. Green Timber Tree Farm Group members own properties throughout the

Central and Western Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin. Much of the increase in group enrollment can be attributed to member participation in carbon trading, which requires properties to be third party certified.

The final highlight of 2008 was a group member receiving the State of Michigan, Region I, Tree Farmer of the Year Award. (Region I covers the entire Upper Peninsula). Dennis Myllyla, of the Myllyla Tree Farm located in Baraga and Houghton Counties received this award as a result of the sustainable timber management and conservation efforts conducted on his property along with his role in the discovery of an ancient buried forest on the family forest. The buried forest was discovered while a pond was being constructed near his house. Dennis contacted Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. (GTCF) and Michigan Technological University (MTU) so they would have an opportunity to examine the logs before the pond was flooded. MTU's School of Forest Resources and Environmental Sciences took log samples



from the site and is in the process of acquiring funding for research to determine the species and age of the buried logs. It is estimated that the logs may be more than 10,000 years old and the species are thought to be American elm and yellow birch.

We anticipate that 2009 will be another year for growth as we at GTCF strive to achieve our clients' land management goals.

For more information on the Green Timber Tree Farm Group please visit our web site at www.greentimberforestry.com or call us at (906) 353-8584.

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