



Free-to-Grow Surveys in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forest April 4th – 5th, 2006 – North Bay, ON

This event has been assessed at **32 OPFA Continuing Education Credits**.

The **CIF** has assessed for this event **8.5 CFE – Category 1**

Dates

Tuesday, April 4th and Wednesday April 5th, 2006.

Time

10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Tuesday); 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Wednesday).

Location

Based at the Clarion Resort, 201 Pinewood Park Dr., North Bay, ON.

Accommodations / registration

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Clarion Resort on Tuesday, April 4th. Please book yours directly with the Clarion: 705-472-0810 or 1-800-461-9592. **The workshop registration fee is 75\$ and includes all meals, refreshments and handouts.**

Other

Please bring appropriate clothing (rubber boots, rain gear, maybe snowshoes) and field gear for conducting surveys in the field on Wednesday (e.g. compass, GPS, tally board, pencil, electronic data collection device, prism, etc.). As of today, March 30, we still have 50 cm of snow, but with continued warm weather and possibly rain, conditions will likely be muddy, wet, with large patches of shallow to deep snow (no bugs though!).

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Target audience: Experienced surveyors – MNR and SFL

Scope: Clear-cut and shelterwoods in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forest –
Emphasis on white pine

Objectives:

- Review why and how to conduct free-to-grow surveys.
- Adaptive management: Identify, prioritize, and resolve challenges and issues that have arisen in the last 2 years.

***** Interactive PDF: click on the speaker's name to view their presentations and other links.**

Date and Time	Activity	Description
Tuesday, April 4th		
9:30 – 10:00 am	Arrival & registration	
10:00 – 10:30 am	Welcome & Introduction	
10:30 – 11:30 pm	Issue identification session for FTG surveys	Identify and prioritize issues and challenges. ■ Facilitator: Greg Pawson
11:30 – 12:15 pm	Why do FTG surveys?	Implications for sustainability. ■ Speaker: Norm Cottam
12:15 – 1:15 pm	Lunch	
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Sampling theory, survey methods, data analysis	Designing a survey, stratification, required precision, analysis of survey data, etc. ■ Speaker: Doug Pitt
2:15 – 3:00 pm	Survey methods	Silvicultural Treatment Assessment and Reporting System (STARS) ■ Speaker: Fred Pinto
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Break	
3:15 – 3:45	Survey methods	Vermillion Forest Management ■ Speaker: Doug Maki
3:45 – 4:15	Survey methods	Well-spaced Free-growing Regeneration Assessment ■ Speakers: Scott McPherson *WSFG Technical Manual *WSFG Field Aids
4:15 – 5:15 pm	Competition rules – Can we improve them?	Recent work with white pine – Clear cut and shelterwood situations. ■ Speaker: Bill Parker
5:15 – 8:00 pm	Cash Bar and Dinner	
Wednesday, April 5th		
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast	
8:45 – 12:00 am	Field Trip	Field testing ocular vs plot based assessments, comparing FTG survey methods in highly variable clear-cut with standards.
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch	

1:30 – 2:30 pm	Issue resolution session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Facilitator: Greg Pawson *FTG methods – likes and dislikes *Summary of issue identification
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Wrap-up session	<p>Summarize solutions to issues; Action plan for un-resolved issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Outstanding Issues
3:00 pm	Adjournment	

[List of participants and their contact information](#)

Field Tour Pictures:

