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**To: Prospective RPF Examination Applicants**

**From: Dan Stapleton, Assistant Executive Officer, Foresters Licensing**

**Subject: Exam Preparation Seminar, Southern Region**

If you are a prospective RPF exam applicant in the southern part of California, the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in cooperation with Cal Fire and Los Angeles County Fire, are conducting a Forestry Field Seminar November 28, 2018 at Cal Fire's Mountain Home Demonstration Forest near Porterville, CA followed by an RPF Exam Preparation Seminar November 29, 2018 at Cal Fire's Tulare Unit Headquarters in Visalia.

The Forestry Field Seminar is subject to cancellation depending on weather conditions (snow) or a prolonged fire season.

The cost for these seminars has yet to be determined but will more than likely range from \$ 50 to \$ 100 per person and will be collected on the first day of the seminar.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please call or email me at:

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Best and regards,

Dan Stapleton, RPF No. 2707  
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**RPF EXAM PREPARATION SEMINAR  
November 28 & 29, 2018**

**Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest  
And  
CAL FIRE Tulare Unit Headquarters  
1968 South Lovers Lane, Visalia, CA 93292**

**Day 1; November 28, 2018, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM:**

Forestry Field Seminar (Timber Management/Harvesting) at Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest.

**Day 2; November 29, 2018, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM:**

CAL FIRE Tulare Unit Headquarters 1968 S Lovers Lane, Visalia, CA 93292

**Instructors:**

Dan Stapleton – RPF #2707 – Assistant Executive Officer, Board of Forestry

George “YG” Gentry – RPF #2262 – Vice President Regulatory Affairs, California Forestry Association.

Len Lindstrand – RPF #624 – Retired Land Department Manager, W.M. Beaty and Associates, Exam Grader

Jim Kral – RPF #2588 – Manager, Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest.

Rick Carr – RPF#2801 - Resource Management Staff Chief CAL FIRE Southern Region

**Day 2 AGENDA**

8:30 - 9:00 AM      REGISTRATION

9:00 - 9:10 AM      OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS

9:10 - 9:30 AM      FORESTERS LICENSING

**Brief History and Organization of Foresters Licensing  
Qualifications for Licensing  
The Application Process  
The Examination: Format, Grading & Strategies**

9:30 - 10:00 AM	STRATEGY FOR PREPARATION AND STUDY <b>How to Prepare, Prioritizing Study Time, Study Methods</b>
10:00 - 10:15 AM	BREAK
10:15 - 11:00 AM	REVIEW OF TEST MATERIAL REFERENCES <b>Instructors Present Favorite Study Material</b>
11:00 – 12:00 PM	STRATEGY FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS <b>Selection of Questions to Answer, Budgeting Your Time, Outline the Answer; Write a Concise Essay Format Answer</b>
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 - 1:30 PM	GRADING PROCESS <b>Answer Evaluation, Grader Conferencing, Appeal Process</b>
1:30 – 2:15 PM	EXAMPLE QUESTION (SHORT ANSWER)
2:15 - 2:30 PM	BREAK
2:30 - 3:30 PM	EXAMPLE QUESTION (ESSAY)
3:30 - 4:00 PM	OPEN QUESTION PERIOD
4:00 PM	ADJOURN