

# THE FOREST OF LEWIS AND CLARK - THEN AND NOW

JUNE 15-16, 2004

## BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

In 1804, Lewis and Clark led the Corps of Discovery up a Missouri River that looked very different from the Missouri River forests of today. The North Dakota members of the Plains and Prairie Forestry Association (PPFA) invite you to Bismarck, North Dakota, in 2004 to explore the past, present, and future challenges and exciting opportunities of riparian forestry on the Great Plains. Great Plains riparian areas are subject to diverse, intense, and often competing management pressures.

With the heavy pressure on riparian forests from often competing uses, this meeting will provide a forum to learn and exchange ideas. Speakers from many areas of expertise will discuss riparian issues to inform, spark your interest, and perhaps change the way you think of rivers in the future.

### Who should attend:

Foresters, conservation district staff and employees, state forest and wildlife agency personnel, land use planners, zoning board members, county and city officials, BLM, USFS, COE and BOR land managers and policy makers, and anyone interested in learning about riparian forests and the efforts to manage them for maximum benefits. Certified wildlife biologists and foresters can obtain continuing education credits.

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- Riparian Forests of the Great Plains: Before Lewis and Clark to Present Day
- The Value and Many Uses of Riparian Forests
- The Politics of Riparian Forest Management
- Changes in Riparian Forests Caused By: Hydrology, Invasives, and Alternative Management Strategies
- Tour of Riparian Restoration Efforts (Bismarck City Forestry actively manages several hundred acres of native forest, addressing disease, invasives and fire risk.)

***Pitchfork Fondue at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park - location of the last residence of General Custer before the battle of the Little Big Horn.***

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A full day tour will explore interesting aspects of riparian forest management. Family members are encouraged to accompany us as many stops may be of interest to them as well.

### Tour Stops

- **Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center**  
Through displays, exhibits, and interpretive talks learn about the Missouri River, its resources and people. Something for all ages and interests.
- **Glenharold Mine Reclamation**  
Innovative approach to recreate woody draws.
- **Cross Ranch State Park**  
Cross Ranch State Park contains one of the few remaining free running portions of the Missouri River. The Park staff will present a fascinating history of the park as well as some of the implica-

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tions of maintaining a State Park in the midst of an old growth cottonwood forest. Lunch will be at the State Park and a special guest will stop by.

- **Smith Grove**  
Take a break under cottonwoods that sheltered the Corps of Discovery.

***At least one tour break will feature chokecherry and juneberry ice-cream.***

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Though not part of the PPFA Conference and Workshop, the USDA-NRCS Bismarck Plant Materials Center will celebrate their 50th anniversary with tours, exhibits, and meetings.

### Post Convention Afternoon Tours

- **Fabric Weed Barrier Issues**—girdling, sucker suppression, sod
- **ARS Tree Research Plots**—oak, juniper, red cedar, poplar, pine
- **Earth Lodge Construction**—talk to contractor, marvel at the framework
- **Living Snow Fences in Highway Right-of-Way**—shrubs between entrance ramp and overpass

**Registration fee - \$95. Motel rooms (\$55 + tax) will be held until May 21. For current details, visit the website at**

**[http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/aginfo/trees/whatnew/PPFA\\_2004\\_Conference.htm](http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/aginfo/trees/whatnew/PPFA_2004_Conference.htm)**

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