



Members of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) Committee on Forest Technology School Accreditation met November 1 and 2, 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Committee reviewed 11 universities, colleges, and community colleges with SAF accredited, conditionally accredited, or recognized 2-year forest technology programsⁱ.

The Committee reviewed and granted initial accreditation to 3 forest technology programs, and continued accreditation, conditional accreditation or recognitionⁱⁱ at 8 forest technology programs. The committee's 2011 actions are summarized below.

ACCREDITATION

Green River Community College

Continued conditional accreditation of the Natural Resources -Forestry Option program leading to an AAS degree through 2012.

Penn State Mont Alto

Granted initial accreditation to the Forest Technology curriculum leading to an AAS degree through 2021. Progress report required in 2014.

Pennsylvania College of Technology

Continued accreditation of the Forest Technology curriculum leading to an AAS degree through 2020.

SUNY-ESF Ranger School

Granted initial accreditation to the Forest Technology curriculum leading to an AAS degree through 2021.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE REPORT

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Continued accreditation through December 31, 2018. Progress report required in 2013.

Glennville State College

Continued conditional accreditation through December 31, 2017.

Haywood Community College

Continued recognition through December 31, 2016.

Spokane Community College

Continued conditional accreditation through December 31, 2016.

University of Maine – Fort Kent

Continued accreditation of the Forest Management concentration, Applied Forest Management program through December 31, 2018.

University of New Hampshire

Continued accreditation through December 31, 2017.

Vermilion Community College

Continued accreditation through December 31, 2020.

^{i i} In 2009, SAF began the transition to full accreditation of forest technology programs. The Society of American Foresters has filed a letter of intent with the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to seek a change of recognized scope of accreditation to include associate degree programs in forest technology. Until final action by the CHEA Board of Directors, the Society of American Foresters is recognized only for its current scope of accreditation approved May 2001. The current CHEA recognized scope of accreditation for SAF is: Curricula leading to the first professional degree in forestry at the bachelor's or master's level.

ⁱⁱ Accreditation or Recognition of forest technician education programs may be continued for a maximum 10-year period. Progress reviews reports may be requested at any time in the review cycle to provide additional information to the Society on program modifications. SAF Accreditation Standards require the program head to report any substantive changes in the program to the Committee on Forest Technology School Accreditation.