

Definition of Forestry and Implications for the Institute

The following statement, prepared by Dr Colin O'Loughlin, was adopted at the AGM:

Forestry is a land management discipline which includes all those skills required in the management of forests and forest lands for the greatest sustainable benefits to present generations while maintaining potential to meet the needs and aspirations of future generations. This definition is derived from the internationally accepted definition of Conservation. Forestry is not just about managing plantation forests for timber production but embraces the management of all forests for a range of products and values. Good forest management aims to protect soil and water resources, maintain forest health and vigour, maintain biodiversity,

enhance recreational opportunities, maintain the general nature of landscapes and produce timber and other products removed from the forest. The art and science of forestry makes possible the creation and management of forests to produce and/or protect a selected range of products and values simultaneously.

The Institute of Forestry recognises that the discipline of forest management is increasingly integrative in nature; requiring the application of the understanding and skills of a wide range of more specialist disciplines, all of which are necessary components of the management required to satisfy the range of demands that society makes on its forests and forest lands. The nature and range of the disciplines required vary directly with the

complexity of the forest ecosystems, the complexity of the demands made upon them, and the intensity of those demands.

The Institute encourages the development of the greater understanding of forestry which has led inevitably to the development of new skills and professions. It affirms its view that for human society to gain from forests the satisfaction of these benefits (both material and non material) that it demands, all of the component disciplines must be available, and it seeks to provide a forum in which those who have these various skills can interact professionally to the greater benefit of society, the forests and the individuals.

NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTRY OTAGO/SOUTHLAND ANNUAL STUDY TRIP/TRAMP — 1999

Some members braved the 'sun' and mud of Stewart Island last year. This year, members are invited to brave the clear mountain views of the Mount Aspiring region near Wanaka.

ALBERT BURN — MATUKITUKI

Intentions at this stage are to proceed from the middle reaches of the Albert Burn to the East branch of the Matukituki River via the Albert Burn saddle. This saddle offers terrific views of Mount Aspiring at close range while not having to climb to great heights.

WHEN?

Four (or five?) days over the period 11-16 February 1999.

HOW?

The plan at this time is to meet and park vehicles at the roadside adjacent to the West/East branch confluence of the Matukituki valley (Cameron Flat), and then get flown from here to the airstrip in the Albert Burn. From here it is a leisurely three (or four?) day walk back to the cars at Cameron Flat. This route is covered on the 260 series 'Infomap' F39 'Matukituki'.

COST?

At this time we are looking at \$100-\$130 per person (inclusive of food and flight).

WHAT NOW?

We are looking for some strong expressions of interest. If interested, please fill in the form below and send it (by 18/12/98) along with a small deposit of \$20 per person to —

New Zealand Institute of Forestry
Otago/Southland Branch
C/- City Forests Ltd — John Speirs
Box 2225, Dunedin

Local section report — Canterbury

The Canterbury branch of the NZIF aims to hold quarterly meetings on topical subjects, usually with invited guest speakers. So far this year, we have had successful and well attended meetings on the NZIF Indigenous Forestry Policy, Fire Control in Canterbury, and Forest Valuation. The meeting on fire control was especially timely, as it was held on the eve of the announcement of restructuring of the NZ Fire Service. Particular thanks to Murray Dudfield for making time to talk to us under trying circumstances!

The most recent meeting on forest valuation was preceded by an afternoon seminar, led by Bill Liley who is one of the members of the NZIF working party on valuation standards. The seminar was well attended, with a good turn out from local valuers, accountants and NZIF members. The evening meeting also covered forest valuation, with Bill Liley again leading the discussion. Dr Robert Donnelly from the School of Forestry also spoke about niche marketing opportunities for radiata pine, and showed some excellent slides of furniture manufacturing in Brazil, using a southern pine resource.