The Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council (MLVMC) and the Pennsylvania State Game Lands 33 Research Cooperators look forward to seeing you at the 2012 MLVMC Conference at the Pennsylvania State Game Lands 33 (SGL-33) Research Project made famous by the research of Dr. Bramble and Dr. Byrnes. The research is continued today by Dr. Richard Yahner, Professor of Wildlife Conservation and Assistant Director for Outreach, at Penn State University. With more than 60 years of continuous research on the effects of standard and current right-of-way maintenance treatments to wildlife, cover, and vegetation; the right-of-way has generated a wealth of data that supports and encourages, what we affectionately now call, Integrated Vegetation Management.

Under the guidance of Dr. Bramble and his then graduate student Dr. Richard Byrnes, multiple methods of vegetation management would be evaluated side by side. Manual (and later, mechanical) brush cutting would be compared to the use of herbicides. Different types of herbicides and various means of application would also be evaluated.

The SGL-33 project started as a demonstration area because Pennsylvania Conservationists and Hunters opposed the use of herbicide. The intent was to demonstrate that the consistent use of herbicides in vegetation management can enhance economical, aesthetic, and wildlife values.

After 60 years this project has yielded results that have proven the conservationists’ and sportsmen’s concerns about the harmful impact that herbicides might have on the flora and fauna on or near the right-of-way to be unfounded. In fact, the data has shown a positive impact on all accounts. While meeting the objective of maintaining safe and reliable transmission of electricity by utilizing herbicide as a vegetation management technique the resulting right-of-way actually created a habitat in which plants and animals flourished.

For those that participated in the hugely successful tour in 2008 held by the Utility Arborist Association, the SGL-33 research area will have a different look. Staying consistent with the ideals of the project area, this year the cooperators will conduct maintenance consistent with FirstEnergy’s Transmission Vegetation Management Program (TVMP) based off the latest technology in our industry, LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging).

Whether you work for, support, or interact with a Local, State, or Federal Agency, Public Utility Commission, Electric Utility, Gas Utility, Department of Transportation, Residential Tree Care, or Procurement Forestry Operations in the vegetation management realm you will benefit from this conference.

**President’s Letter**

I hope that 2011 was a success for you and that you have created even better opportunities for 2012.

My name is Shawn Standish and I was fortunate to have been elected by the Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council (MLVMC) Board of Directors as the 2012 President.

I also welcome our new Board of Directors and newly appointed Officers:

Robbie Adkins - Asplundh Tree Expert Company
John Perry - Environmental Consultants Incorporated (ECI)
Frank Forrest - American Electric Power
Dave Krause - Vice President
Jerry Lewis - Secretary
Ed Cunningham - Treasurer

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SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

On behalf of the board of directors, I ask for your support to our organization by becoming a Sustaining Member of the Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council. Sustaining members are the backbone of our organization and contribute the foundation of financial support that allows us to continue to provide one of the best ROW vegetation focused conferences available to our profession.

We hope that you will become a Sustaining Member and are able to attend the meeting this fall in State College PA, where our program will celebrate 60 years of ROW Vegetation Management research at the original Game Lands 33 site. With so many changes taking place in the vegetation management industry, new FERC Standards from Washington, DC and the ongoing organizational and budget challenges faced by our membership, MLVMC continues to provide the most current and relevant information and opportunity to learn and exchange ideas with other professionals in the industry. If you would like to sponsor a coffee break in addition to, or instead of Sustaining Membership, please contact Ed Cunningham, our treasurer. His contact information is below. If you would like more exposure, you may donate a “door prize” gift that will be given out after each session with recognition of appreciation for your company.

A Sustaining Membership is $440.00. Your Sustaining Membership includes:
• Registration for one person ($190.00 which includes one breakfast, lunch & dinner)
• One Exhibit Space - Optional
• Parking Lot Space for large equipment display/demonstration - Optional
• Listing in the official program (Form must be received by September 5 to be listed in program!)
• Annual Membership Fee
• Recognition during the meeting

Please note that we are using RegOnLine for registrations and processing credit cards. If you would like to be a sustaining member and would like to use your credit card for payment please go to http://www.mtn-lake.org/ for an easy, secure payment method. The form below is only for payment with a check!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend my appreciation for your support and interest in the activities of the organization.

Sincerely,
Jerry

Jerry Lewis
Sustaining Membership Committee Chairman

Please complete ALL the information requested and send form along with $440.00 payable to Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council, Inc. to:

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Stoughton, WI 53589
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Name (for registration): ___________________________________________
Organization: ___________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
City: ___________________ State: _________  Zip: _____________
Phone: _____________________ Check # ____________
E-Mail: ___________________________________________

Exhibit Hall Booth Space ____Yes   ____No

I will attend the Monday evening opening reception ___Yes ___No

I would like parking lot space for large equipment display ___Yes ___No

**Please keep in mind that our organization is a “non-profit” corporation and your contribution may be tax deductible.**

**Important Exhibitor Note**

The conference center has a charge for electric service and hardwired internet connections for exhibit booths. There is also a charge for receiving shipments if you need to ship your booth materials. If you need any of these services, check here _______ and we will send you the forms and information.

Cancelled Registrations will be refunded in cash less $25 MLVMC annual membership fee.
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Since I started my involvement with this organization in 2010 I have observed that the strength of this organization is the participation of the Membership and the Sustaining Members. The talent and consistency of the Board of Directors can be credited for the growth in membership and participation. I look forward to leading and continuing the momentum of the MLVMC throughout 2012.

2011 was a tremendous success for the MLVMC organization. Our organization provided a voice to our Industry in RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment) and NPDES General Permit Process. Our 2011 success culminated at our 2011 meeting in Roanoke, Virginia with over 160 Attendees enjoying an informative agenda. This was our most attended conference in many years.

For those that don’t know me I am a native of “Penn's Woods” and a proud graduate of The Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Forest Science. I’ve worked for FirstEnergy Service Company for the past 7 years and I am currently responsible for the implementation of our Transmission Vegetation Management Program across Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia.

I encourage you to attend our 2012 Conference which will be held September 17th – 19th in State College, PA at the Penn Stater Conference Center. Along with various current vegetation management related agenda topics the conference will showcase the Pennsylvania State Game lands 33 Research Project and its 60th anniversary of continuous research. This project area is our industry’s most tenured research in the World having over 200 published scientific journals.

The Pennsylvania State Game Lands 33 project is the science behind our industry’s ideals and goals.

Shawn T. Standish
FirstEnergy Service Corporation

The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel

The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel is central Pennsylvania’s largest, most flexible, and technologically sophisticated hotel. As the premier location for large and small conferences, meetings, and events, you'll experience natural elegance and comfort as you take in stunning views of Nittany Valley. Every space at The Penn Stater has been designed to reflect the beauty, character, and quality unique to central Pennsylvania. Stunning glass walls and natural materials combine to create exquisite, light-filled rooms and a close connection to the hotel's natural setting. Take a moment to enjoy the lobby's handcrafted stone fireplace, the seating area that invites you to relax, and the expansive mountain views. The Penn Stater and its sister property The Nittany Lion Inn are owned and operated by The Pennsylvania State University. Both hotels work closely with the university’s School of Hospitality Management to provide student interns the opportunity to learn from industry professionals. With a focus on service, the staff at both hotels provides a guest experience that is second to none.

Located near beautiful wooded surroundings in Innovation Park, less than one mile from Penn State’s University Park campus, the hotel is just minutes away from the action in State College and on campus. Founded in 1855, Penn State became one of the original Land-Grant Universities under President Abraham Lincoln (1863) and now includes 24 campuses throughout Pennsylvania with a total enrollment of 95,800 students. University Park, the primary campus, is situated directly next to downtown State College. The proximity between campus and the local community provides guests at The Penn Stater a wide array of R&R activities. Enjoy a round on one of two PGA-rated Penn State golf courses, take a stroll through the Penn State Arboretum, or enjoy some shopping and dining in downtown State College. The Penn Stater provides complimentary transportation for overnight guests, so plan your stay now!

MLVMC Mission Statement

The mission of the Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council is to bring together individuals with an interest in integrated vegetation management to exchange ideas, opinions and information.

We will provide our members with the tools to make prudent and knowledgeable vegetation management decisions with the principles of excellence, fairness and integrity as the foundation of our profession.

The MLVMC will promote the safe and responsible use of IVM products to enhance quality of life and the environment.

Recertification Requests

As always, Mountain Lake has applied for CEUs and Recertification Credits for the agenda for the 2012 Annual Meeting in State College, PA. This is an important service to our membership and helps to fulfill the educational responsibilities of the association.

The following organizations and states have been solicited for accreditation:

| ISA | NY | TN |
| SAF | NJ | VA |
| IN | NH | VT |
| KY | OH | WV |
| MA | PA |
| MD | RI |
| NC | SC |

Silent Auction

In efforts to increase funding for future events, the MLVMC will conduct a silent auction at this year’s meeting. We would be most appreciative of any item(s) you would be willing to make available for this event. If willing to participate, please bring your contributing items to the registration booth upon arrival.

Our organization is a “non-profit” organization, your contribution may be tax-deductible.

Thank you for your support!
MOUNTAIN LAKE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
2012 CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
TBA
3 p.m. Board Meeting
3 p.m. - 8 p.m. Registration and Exhibitor Set-up
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Welcome Mixer and Reception, Sponsored by Asplundh

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast (included)
8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. President’s Address to Membership - Shawn Standish, MLVMC President, First Energy
8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. ANSI Standards, Dave Goodson, Northeast Utilities
8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Lesson’s Learned from Indiana: IVM of the Roadsides - Matthew Krausar, Purdue University
9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Industry Minutes with Exhibitors
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Break with vendors
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Dealing with Invasive Species Challenges - Ed Cunningham, ECI
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Results of 2011 Putuxent NWR & BG&E Project - Rick Johnstone, IVM Partners
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Industry updates
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Business Meeting Luncheon
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. NERC & FERC Impact on ROW Vegetation Management - Rebecca Spach, First Energy
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Gamelands 33 Tour Background/History - Jim Orr, Asplundh Tree Expert Co.
2:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Field Tour of the Gamelands 33 Project Grounds

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012
7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast (included)
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Roadside Approach to Integrated Vegetation Management - Michael Maurer, PennDot
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Lidar as Vegetation Management Tool - Earl Burnside, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Break with vendors
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Weed Science Panel - Art Grover, et al (TBD)
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. RISE Update “What's happening in DC & NPDES Compliance” - Rick Johnstone, IVM Partners
12:15 p.m - 1:15 p.m. Board Meeting

Mail Form and Payment (CHECK ONLY) to: Please complete ALL the information requested and send form along with $190.00 or $105.00 (for one day), until September 9 payable to Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council, Inc. After September 9 $210 (or $125 for one day) to:

Ed Cunningham, Treasurer
Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council
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Name: _________________________________________________
Organization: ___________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________
City: ___________________ State: _________ Zip: _____________
Phone: _____________________ Check # __________
E-Mail: ___________________________________________

Will you be attending the Monday Evening Opening Reception? Yes_______ No ______

Cancelled Registrations will be refunded in cash less $25 MLVMC annual membership.

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED! SIGN UP AT www.mtn-lake.org

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel
215 Innovation Boulevard
State College, PA 16803

Rooms are available for $93.00 per night for a standard room and $193.00 per night for a suite until August 17, 2012.

To make reservations please call the Reservations Department at (800) 233-7505.

Be sure to mention Reservation Identification Number: MOUI12A in order to get the above meeting rates.
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