

Travel Allocation Request

The Society of American Foresters, Student Chapter, also known as SAF, has been dormant for the last year because of Covid-19, but we plan on being as active as we can this year.

Alexios Smith and Samantha Westfahl will attend the Annual SAF State Meeting October 13 - October 15. Every year the state meeting is hosted by one of the Montana chapters: Missoula, Flathead, and East. This year, 2021, the Flathead chapter will host in Kalispell, MT. The annual meeting is traditionally held in Spring, but due to Covid-19, the meeting was pushed to Fall.

The theme of this year's meeting is "Looking Back to Look Forward." The presentations and discussions will be focused on management practices of the past to compare to current practices and plan for the future. There will be presentations from stewards of the DNRC and NRCS, forestry professionals, and Alan Townsend—Dean of the Franke College of Forestry and Conservation. On the last day, October 15, there will be an all-day immersive field trip to Miller Creek Demonstration Forest to physically view and understand information and knowledge provided by presentations earlier in the conference.

This conference is an integral space for students to connect with professionals in the forestry world and gain a deeper understanding of concepts that the classroom may not provide.

