Announcing: PSSAC’s Annual Meeting & Field Tour
June 17-19, 2010

Please join us for this interesting and informative meeting based at Cal Poly’s Swanton-Pacific Ranch along the beautiful northern Santa Cruz County coast.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 14, 2010
ORGANIZERS: Ron Taskey, Roberta Smith, Brian Dietterick, Tom Rice, and Mary Reed

Tour Highlights

Thursday Evening (6:30 pm) Pre Tour Presentations:
- The ranch, what it is and what’s happening—it’s a busy place.
- Local land-use history—from those who know.
- Geologic and geomorphic setting—large diversity in a small area.
- Soils and tour overview—including LIDAR images.

Friday Field Tour and Activities:
- Soils and land-use on marine terraces.
- Soils and organic culinary herb farming on the Scotts Creek floodplain.
- Watercourse realignment and rehabilitation.
- Steelhead and salmon monitoring.
- Educational program in natural resources, earth sciences, and agriculture.
- PSSAC business discussions.
- BBQ among the redwoods with uplifting ocean view and great company.

Saturday Field Tour and Activities:
- Geology-soils-hydrology-forestry-fire in redwood and Douglas-fir forests.
- Some soils are stable, others are not.
- Soil conditions, hillslope erosion, and salvage logging after the 2009 Lockheed fire.
- Stream channel responses and water quality monitoring.
- Lunch-time train ride.
Lodging

Participants must make their own lodging reservations. A partial list of near-by accommodations is given below. No lodging is available at Swanton-Pacific Ranch, except that students are welcome to camp-out in open dormitory style in canvas-covered yurts on the Ranch (reservation required).

The driving distance from the northern end of Santa Cruz to Swanton-Pacific Ranch is about 13 miles.

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<td>Dream Inn</td>
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Meals

Registration includes continental breakfast and box lunch on Friday and Saturday, field refreshments, and an excellent BBQ dinner on Friday evening. (Nonalcoholic beverages are included. If you prefer beer or wine at the BBQ, and are over 21 yrs, you must bring your own.)

Transportation

Registration fees cover the use of vans and support vehicles on the Ranch. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the Ranch.

Parking for Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday is available at the Ranch’s “Red House,” which is on Swanton Road immediately south of the Little Creek bridge. (For more information, see www.spranch.org and click on “Directions” in the left-side menu.)
REGISTRATION FORM

Please return by May 14, 2010

Return this completed form, along with your payment, to Mary Reed, PSSAC Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 5972, Vacaville, CA 95696-5972. The tour is limited to 45 participants. Registration is on a first-paid basis.

Students: The specially discounted registration fee for full-time students enrolled in soil science or a related natural resources program is $50.00 each, available for up to 20 students through May 14th. Students please indicate your university, degree and major, and anticipated graduation date in the “Company/Title” line below. Provide your academic email account in the email line, and sign your name in the space to the right of the PSSAC logo.

Registration Fee includes: Friday and Saturday van transportation, continental breakfast and box lunch for each day, and BBQ Friday evening. You’ll enjoy a train ride too!

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PSSAC scholarship fund donation

Total Enclosed:

(Make check payable to PSSAC.)


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___ I am registering as a student, please reserve space for me in one of the yurts at the SP Ranch.
Make tracks with me to the Professional Soil Scientists Association of California 2010 Meeting and Field Tour Swanton-Pacific Ranch

Davenport, California
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