



## All Forester Network Usage Policy

### 1.1 Introduction

All Forester the oldest surviving environmental (Un-Moderated) Network is email based with more than 700 members globally. It is being maintained by LEAD through a mailing list. Members use the forum to talk about local, regional and international level forestry issues including REDD+, biofuels, carbon capture and storage. The founder/s of this list refer to JFK's famous saying "we are all foresters' and 'foresters are men of vision working for our future generations' so everyone who wishes is a natural member of this forum.

### 1.2 What is the topic or purpose of this list?

This forum was created to discuss local, regional and international level forestry and related issues.

### 1.3 Who can post?

Only Subscribers can post directly to the list.

### 1.4 How do I post?

Once you are subscribed, you will have to send an email to [all-forester@googlegroups.com](mailto:all-forester@googlegroups.com) to share your post with other users of the mailing list. Be sure your post will be of interest to more than one or two other mailing list. Remember, your posts help shape your reputation in the community served by this mailing list.

### 1.5 What is proper protocol for this list?

**The text below is good but a bit difficult in context. Our real problem is of posting of irrelevant/ religious mails so in clear terms it must be written that mail not relevant to the theme is not allowed and if any person who does not agree to the TORs can opt not be a member. Users must realize that the outreach is universal and diverse in culture, religion, gender and profession so mails not related to the topic 'ALL FORESTERS' must be avoided**

#### 1.5.1 Flaming

An email containing harsh criticism or a personal attack on another user is considered a flame. Some users make a practice of responding to newbie who inadvertently breach netiquette or individuals who do not share their views with flames in a pathetic effort to assert superiority. Any user repeatedly posting flames may be barred from the list.

#### 1.5.2 Spam and employment solicitations

Advertising, marketing and self-promotion in all forms are disallowed. Subscribers who attempt to distribute spam email will be permanently unsubscribed from this list.

#### 1.5.3 Overly long posts

Most excessively long posts are the result of including the entire contents of a post to which you are responding. If you need to quote certain parts of the original post, only include those parts necessary to put your comments in



context. In an era when the sheer volume of email saps time that would be better spent on other tasks, long email is generally considered bad form.

Long email seldom serve their purpose anyway. If the subject is complex or emotionally charged, it's better to take the conversation offline and handle it via phone or in person. Email is notorious for its inability to convey emotional tone and the longer and more complex the email is, the more possibility someone may take exception to some part of the contents.

#### **1.5.4 Offensive language**

This community observes the McGaughey Protocol: any post is acceptable providing it is interesting, but the use of semicolons is expressly prohibited. Subscribers who attempt to post messages containing semicolons will be permanently unsubscribed from this list.

#### **1.5.5 General rule-of-thumb**

Always assume your email is public. Your email may travel through insecure servers where it can be read by random administrators, hackers and government agents (your own and others). Think twice before saying anything you might regret later. Once sent, an email takes on a life of its own, it may be forwarded to any number of people, posted to mailing lists and added to archives that may still be publicly accessible twenty years from now.

#### **1.5.6 What will get me removed from this list?**

##### **1.5.7 Bounced email**

Users whose email bounce repeatedly are automatically unsubscribed. It is your responsibility to resubscribe with a valid email address.

##### **1.5.8 List policy infractions**

Users who attempt to post messages that are off-topic for this list, contain semicolons or spam may be permanently removed from the list.

#### **1.6 DO's and DON'T's**

**1.6.1•** Do not use mailing lists to distribute calendar invitations which are not related to forestry issues.

**1.6.2•** Be aware of what you are sending (size, content, etc.) and to whom you are sending it. Sending someone mail may also cost them in other specific ways like network bandwidth, disk space, or CPU usage in ways that may or may not be costs that apply to you as a sender.

**1.6.3•** Consider that a large audience will see your posts. That may include your present or your next supervisor. Take care in what you write. Remember that mailing lists are frequently archived, and that your words may be stored for a very long time in a place to which many people have access.

**1.6.4•** Assume that individuals speak for themselves, and what they say does not represent their organization (unless stated explicitly).



**1.6.5•** Messages and articles should be brief and to the point. Don't wander off-topic, don't ramble, and don't send mail or post messages solely to point out other people's errors in typing or spelling. These, more than any other behavior, mark you as a beginner.

**1.6.6•** Attach a signature to your message. This will guarantee that any peculiarities of mailers which strip header information will not delete the only reference in the message of how people may reach you.

**1.6.7•** Don't send large files to mailing lists when links to the file will do. If you want to send multiple files, be sure to follow the culture of the group. If you don't know what that is, ask.

**1.6.8•** If you are caught in an argument, keep the discussion focused on issues rather than the personalities involved.

**1.6.9•** Don't get involved in flame wars. Neither post nor respond to incendiary material.

**1.6.10•** Avoid sending messages which are no more than gratuitous replies to replies.

**1.6.11•** Be careful with monospace fonts and diagrams. These will display differently on different systems, and with different mailers on the same system.

## **1.7 Use and storage of your personal information**

When you supply any personal information to LEAD Pakistan we have legal obligations towards you in the way we may use the provided data. We must collect the information fairly, that is, we must explain how we will use it and tell you if we want to pass the information on to anyone else. However LEAD Pakistan will not share your email address with any third party except the subscribers who can view your email by default.

## **1.8 Access to your personal information**

You have the right to request a copy of the personal information LEAD Pakistan holds about you and to have any inaccuracies corrected.

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