

FOREST UPDATE

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INSPECTION TOURS OF SECRETARY FORESTS

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SARGODHA FOREST CIRCLE

Mr. Shahnawaz Badar, Secretary, Forestry, Wildlife, Fisheries & Tourism Departments, Government of the Punjab conducted a comprehensive field inspection of Sargodha Circle (November 22 to November 25, 2011). Mr. Shahid Rasheed Awan, Deputy Secretary Planning assisted on technical matters throughout the tour.

Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha on his arrival gave a comprehensive briefing about various activities and forestry operations in Sargodha Circle. Raja Khalid Hussain, Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Zone, Rawalpindi was also present. Secretary Forests acquainted himself on the various activities going on in various division of Sargodha Circle, so that he could inspect in the field.



Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T Deptt. getting briefing from Raja Khalid Hussain, CCF North Zone, Rawalpindi and Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha

The Secretary Forests inaugurated the newly constructed mosque "Masjid Rahim" in Forest complex at Sargodha and appreciated the quality of works and efforts carried out by CCF, CF and Forest Staff of Sargodha Circle.



Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T Deptt. inaugurating the newly constructed mosque "Masjid Rahim" in Forest Complex Sargodha Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha and other officers/officials were also there.

Then he inspected the Forest Colony and inquired about the maintenance of the colony and showed his satisfaction over proper maintenance.

Next day a meeting was held with Major General Tahir in the office of GOC, Sargodha regarding tree planting campaigns. Maj. General Tahir, GOC Sargodha welcomed Secretary Forests and appreciated the contributions of the Sargodha Circle in the landscaping of the Cantonment area.

DFO Sargodha conducted an inspection tour with Secretary Forests of Model Nurseries as well as Canal-side afforestation Sulki, Karana and Model Afforestation on Sargodha Road and NB Canal, also including Model Nursery Khushab Forest Division at Jahurabad roadside afforestation on Miawanli Khushab Road. Wajeh-ud-Din, DFO Mianwali briefed regarding his Division in the presence of CCF, CF and DS (Planning). Mr. Ramzan, Assistant Director, Fisheries gave a comprehensive briefing about Fisheries activities in Mianwali District, followed by a visit on Cheshma Barrage and Kundian Plantation and Secretary Forests showed his satisfaction on various Forest activities.

The Secretary Forests also visited landscaping of Danish School Mianwali, followed by inspection of Harnoli Plantation. On the way toward Bhakkar Forest Division, Shahnawaz Badar, Secretary Forests visited the Kaloor Kot Forest Depot and Model City Afforestation in Darya Khan Bhakkar Fateh Major Plantation. In the evening, DFO Bhakkar briefed Secretary about Bhakkar Forest Division. DFO Range Management (Nawaz Sandehla) was also present along with Saqib Sheikh, CF RM and Naseem Butt, DFO Bhakkar. Raja Khalid Hussain, CCF and Syed M. Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha also contributed their views during the briefing session.

GUJRANWALA FOREST CIRCLE

Mr. Shahnawaz Badar, Secretary Forests visited the Daphar Plantations of Gujrat Forest Division along with M. Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF CZ, Dr. M. Rafique, CF Gujranwala and Shahid Rashid Awan, D.S (Planning). Ijaz Hussain Sherazi, DFO Gujrat briefed the Secretary about the various activities of the Gujrat Forest Division and followed by the field visit and inspection.



Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T Deptt. inspected the Daphar Plantation of Gujrat Forest Division with CCF CZ

BAHAWALPUR FOREST CIRCLE

After doing inspection tours of Sargodha and Gujranwala Circles, Secretary Forests continued his touring and conducted a comprehensive tour of Bahawalpur Circle duly assisted by Mr. Shahid Rashid Awan, DS (Planning), Dr. Muhammad Arshad, CCF Southern Zone and Dr. Zahid Javaid, CF, Bahawalpur Circle also accompanied him and then conducted by field inspection and a briefing from Wildlife Department too.



Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T Deptt. inspected the Model Nursery Bahawalpur during his tour with Dr. M. Arshad CCF, South Zone, Multan and Dr. Zahid Javaid, CF Bahawalpur

AN UNFORGETTABLE VISIT TO THE USDA FOREST SERVICE OFFICE BY SYED MUHAMMAD AKMAL RAHIM DFO PUBLICITY

The purpose of my visit to the United States in the last week of November 2011 was to attend a conference on "Partners in Environmental Technology Technical Symposium and Workshop (SERDP & ESTCP)" but it turned out to be a dream come true for me! It so happened that after attending the conference I contacted the office of the Chief of US Forest Service requesting for a visit to the Department with the purpose of simply observing how the working of the office goes on. At that time I had no idea that this would become one of the most unforgettable occasions, the memories of which will be cherished as long as I live. It is hard to put into words the elation that I felt on receiving a phone call from the concerned office intimating me about the appointment for the said visit. Dr. Chris Soriano, In Charge Middle East Program, US Forest Service Department of Agriculture International Programs, not only conducted the tour of the Department but also provided an opportunity to pay a curtesy call to the Chief of US Forest Service. The Chief, a graceful and learned lady welcomed me into her office and shared her views regarding the Forests of USA and very keenly listened to what I narrated about the forests of Pakistan. The discussion mainly revolved around Agroforestry and Silviculture. She expressed interest in research collaboration, particularly in the field of Agroforestry. I really appreciated the remarkable manner in which the history of the US Forest Service, since 1809, has been maintained. She concluded the meeting by presenting to me a book titled '100 Years of US Forest Service' but her very next gesture literally took me by surprise when she honored me, by allowing me to sit at the desk of First Chief US Forest service Mr. Gifford Pinchot (1905-1910) and asked for my picture to be taken. The success of the meeting could be judged from the fact that despite the decision that the meeting would run for only 5 minutes (because of her busy schedule), it lasted for 35 minutes!



Syed M. Akmal Rahim, DFO (Publicity) with Lady Chief Mary Wagner US Forest Service and Dr. Chris Sariano at Washington DC, USA during visit at office of Chief US Forest Service



Syed Muhammad Akmal Rahim, DFO (Publicity) honored by Chief US Forest Service Washington, DC to sit her Desk also used by first Chief of US Forest Service Gifford Pinchot (1905-1910)



Syed Muhammad Akmal Rahim, DFO (Publicity) in USA Forest Service Head Quarter Information Center, 1400, Independence AVE Washington DC, USA



Dr. Chris Soriano acted as Liaison Officer with Syed M. Akmal Rahim DFO (Publicity) in Washington DC, USA



Planting a sapling at Danish School Mianwali



Planting a sapling at Sargodha Forest Complex



Planting a sapling at Fateh Major Plantation



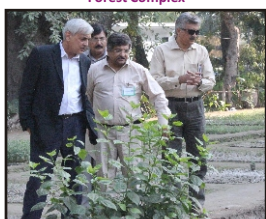
In "Masjid Rahim" Sargodha Forest Complex



Discussing in field, Sargodha Forest Division



Kaloor Kot Forest Depot



Potted Nursery Khushab



Discussing in field, Mianwali



Danish School, Mianwali



Getting briefing from DFO Mianwali



Model Nursery Sargodha



Getting Briefing from DFO Bhakkar

FOREST FIRE AND ITS CAUSES

Except in very wet, very cold, or very dry regions, fire has always been an important factor in terrestrial environment. Charred fossils show that lightning started fires have periodically ravaged land vegetation since its earliest appearance on earth. To this eventually was added the effect of primitive man who, for a variety of reasons, periodically set fire to vegetation. With the spread of civilization man-caused fires have become far more numerous than those caused by lightning, but the abundance of roads, canal system and ploughed fields in well-populated regions, together with efficiently organized fire prevention and control agencies operating on forest lands, prevent individual fires from spreading for as a rule. Fire injures plants directly by subjecting the tissues to lethal temperatures, but many other ecological aspects of fire do not involve the temperature factor. The common causes of fire in natural Forests are; Burning of grass and undergrowth along paths frequented by villagers; Burning to facilitate the collection of minor produce, such as honey, wax, mushroom; To share wild animals which could cause damages to agriculture crops domestic line stock etc.; Burning of grass by grazers for the sake of the tender grass which comes up after a fire. It is also true that grass growing under heavy canopy is less nourishing and the cows fed on such grass do not enough good quality milk good milk. Similarly, output of milk is reduced if they eat conifers leaves with grass while grazing; Fires lit by cart men or passersby along cart tracks and road; Burning of grass and under growth by or at the instance of Shikaris to facilitate the tracking and shooting of game. Fires caused by sparks from locomotive engines while passing through the forest; Caused by lightning; Forest exploitation-felling trees dislodge quartzite rock which strikes other rocks and give sparks; Smoking and Miscellaneous-other cause. Except lightening, which is due to un-preventable natural causes, all the other causes of fire are directly or indirectly traceable to the acts of the man. In fires caused by sparks from locomotive engines and those started by cart men and passing by, there is no intention to burn the forest and the fires are the result of accident or carelessness. But in all other cases considered there is a deliberate intention to fire the forests, whether from motives of self-interest or of malice. Fire caused by lightning form in general a negligible proportion of the total number, of fires occurring annually in Pakistan forests. **(By Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha)**

CONGRATULATION ON PERFORMING HAJ

The following forest officers are congratulated on performing HAJ by the Punjab Forest Department. Syed Muhammad Abdul Basit, Conservator of Forests Development and Working Plan Circle, Lahore. Shabbeer Ahmad Rana, Conservator of Forests Range Management, Lahore. Mr. Muhammad Yusuf, Executive District Officer, Gujrat. Sheikh Muhammad Azam, Executive District Officer, Mianwali. Abdul Muqet Khan, Divisional Forest Officer, Railway

CITATION/APPRECIATION

During the visit to Gujrat Forest Division, Secretary FWF&T Deptt. inspected the canalside plantation carried out at Upper Jehlum Canal over an area of 290 Av. Miles under the Mega Project. The plantation was done during the year 2007-08 and 2008-09. Owing to the excellent condition of the area with success percentage above 90%, the competent authority appreciated the efforts of Mr. Saeed, Block Officer and Mr. Nadeem Zafar, Forest Guard of Gujrat Forest Division.



Mr. Nadeem Zafar
Forest Guard



Mr. Saeed
Block Officer

CONDOLENCE

The entire Forest Department of the Punjab expresses deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Zafar Shah, Divisional Forest Officer Development and Working Plan, Rawalpindi, who died on 08 December, 2011. He was an honest, dedicated and highly competent worker in his field. The Forest department is saddened at this irreplaceable loss and prays that his soul rests in peacetime eternity. Ameen.

AUDIT MEETING

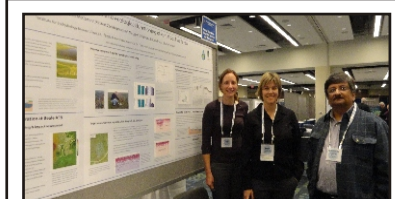
On the posting of new Director Budget Mr. Mahmood Latif, the emphasis on the disposal of Audit paras gained momentum. He arranged two meetings (SDAC) at Jallo Park where Secretary Forests Mr. Shahnawaz Badar chaired the meetings. Due to positive role of Mr. Mahmood Latif, Director Budget, more than 90% audit paras were dropped.



Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar, Secretary FWF&T Deptt. chaired SDAC meeting was held at Jallo Forest Park with Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman CCF CZ, Mahmood Latif, Director B&A Forests and other senior officers

CONFERENCE

Syed Muhammad Akmal Rahim, DFO Publicity attended an International Symposium "Partners in Environmental Technology Technical Symposium and Workshop SERDP & ESTCP" November 29th December 1st, 2011, held at Washington DC, USA. He was the only Pakistani forester who attended the conference among 1300 persons from various corners of the world.



Syed Muhammad Akmal Rahim DFO Publicity in a conference held in Washington DC, USA