

Tyler Bradford

I am currently the District Silviculturist for the Salem Ranger District on the Mark Twain National Forest. Previously, I was a forester with the Northern Research Station responsible for the Sinkin Experimental Forest. Before that, I worked for the MDC, primarily as a state and private lands forester. I have experience with with partnerships, grants, cooperative agreements, and cost-share administration; as well with common forest management processes including inventory, plan writing, timber marking, sale administration, TSI, prescribed fire, and wildfire suppression.

I've been an SAF member since 2021, though I began attending the MOSAF meetings when I started graduate school in 2017. I saw the MOSAF as an opportunity to network with folks in natural resources, and I'm pleased to say that it has been much more impactful than that. I've had the great pleasure to work for or alongside several of you, have administered contract work with others, and have the pleasure of calling many of you friends. I was also fortunate to collaborate on the recent the MOSAF Operations Manual, where I learned about the positions and processes of our chapter in great detail.

It has been a turbulent last couple of years for foresters in terms of job security, funding, turnover, layoffs, and retirements; aside from added stressors like the passing of family and colleagues. This is why now is an even more important time to stay connected and keep our chapter moving optimistically forward. I appreciate your consideration for MOSAF Chair-Elect and look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting!