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Spring Ag Outlook Forum to address issues critical to farm/rural constituencies

In the aftermath of the Rodeo & Chediski fires, the Spring Ag Outlook Forum is hosting a panel addressing Forest Management policies and issues. The Forum will be held on February 28, at the Monterra @ West World in Scottsdale. Sponsored by the Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, the forum begins at 9:00 a.m. with Jay Butler, Ph.D. on Real Estate and General Economy. Followed by segments on Watershed, Water Quality and Water Conservation Issues. Guest speakers for the forest panel include John Bedell, Apache Sitgreaves National Forest Supervisor, Hanna Cortner, the Ecological Restoration Institute, NAU and Steve Campbell, Extension Service of the University of Arizona.

The afternoon will be devoted to trends in agricultural land values, and leases. Focused on the affects the fire and drought conditions have on land values. The forum is open to anyone interested in the issues. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. the morning of the forum. Cost, which includes breaks and a catered lunch is \$95.00 and will be available that morning, space permitting.

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