



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Farm Bureau & Timberland Owners Host U.S. Senate Candidates

CONCORD, NH – Meet and hear what U.S. Senate candidates have to say on a tree stump. You read it right; candidates will be addressing New Hampshire farmers and timber owners from a stump, just like how it was done in the old days!

Kelly Ayotte, Jim Bender, Bill Binnie, Paul Hodes, Denis Lamare and Ovide Lamontagne have confirmed their attendance at the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation and New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association's (NH TOA) Candidates' Forum (stump speeches) held in conjunction with the state Farm Bureau Summer Picnic on Wednesday, August 11 at Grand View Farm in Canterbury. Owned by Wayne and Ruth Mann, Grand View Farm is a diversified farming operation, producing hay and growing greenhouse tomatoes and cucumbers and raising lambs.

Keeping with tradition this event is designed to give New Hampshire voters, who depend on the land for their livelihood, an opportunity to meet and hear candidates' opinions on issues that directly impact their way of life.

Stump speeches will begin at 5 p.m. with radio personality Peter St. James, New Hampshire Wake-up Show host on WTPL (FM 107.7) as the Master of Ceremonies. Candidates will make five-minute speeches focusing on their platforms for maintaining and enhancing the farm and forest industries in New Hampshire followed by a question and answer session with members.

The cost for the meal is \$10 for Farm Bureau and Timberland Owners Association members and \$15 for non-members. Please RSVP by calling (603) 224-1934.

This event is open to the public.

EVENT SCHEDULE – Wednesday, August 11

- **2:30 p.m.** – Tour area woodlot (tour departs from Grand View Farm)
- **4 p.m.** – Summer Games (All ages will be putting their farm skills to the test.)
- **5 p.m.** – Stump Speeches – U.S Senate candidates
- **5 p.m.** – Dinner will be served (lamb roast & other local NH foods)
- **7 p.m.** – Music and Contra Dance

Advance media RSVP and registration at the event is requested. This event lends itself to great photo opportunities as the candidates will be standing on an actual stump provided by the Timberland Owners Association.

The New Hampshire Farm Bureau is a non-profit Federation, formed in 1916 of the 10 County Farm Bureaus. The Federation consists of approximately 4,000 farms, rural families and their supporters and is the leading advocate for the great vocation of agriculture in the state. Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization where the members establish policy and direction. For more information visit www.nhfarmbureau.org.

Founded in 1911, the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association is a non-profit organization of forest landowners, foresters, loggers and wood-using industries dedicated to the promotion of good forestry and a healthy forest products industry. The 1,500 Timberland Owners Association members collectively own and manage over one million acres of productive forestland. For more information visit www.nhtoa.org.