

October 24

6:00 social hour 7:00 dinner

South River Fire Department

\$12 per person **reservations due by October 18**

Call Don 540-290-3803 Lin 540-290-0082

Speaker Karen Stanley



Karen Stanley, Rockbridge Area Forester, will speak on her experiences out west in some of our treasured National Parks. She will also discuss the difference in western ecosystems from those in the East and the scarcity of water due to climate, agriculture, and population. The climate differences create a much different fire ecology in the West, creating conditions for some of the country's largest and most destructive wildfires.

Karen has been the Area Forester with the Virginia Department of Forestry since 2001 and is a wildland firefighter and certified arborist. She graduated from Virginia Tech College of Forestry and Natural Resources in 2000.