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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



OCTOBER 2019

October 1...Morgan County 5:30 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at Ingalls Harbor, 802-B Wilson Street NW, Decatur. Attend the cook-off and enjoy live music, door prizes, youth activities, and sample wild game recipes. Fee: \$35; youth under 15 free. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at (334) 285-4550.

October 1-3...Jackson, Mississippi. **Mississippi Forestry Association Annual Meeting** at the Hilton Jackson, 1001 E. County Line Road. Fee: \$445. Contact Casey Anderson at (601) 354-4936.

October 1-3...Van Buren, Missouri. **Biennial Shortleaf Pine Conference** at The Landing on the banks of the Current River. Fee: \$200. For more information email Mike Black at mblack10@utk.edu.

October 3...Chilton County 8 AM - 3:30 PM. **SmartMap 1.0 Workshop** at the Chilton Regional Research and Extension Center, Clanton. This workshop introduces audiences to low-cost and easy to use geospatial mapping applications (apps) that can be used on smartphones or iPads. It introduces audiences to GIS, GPS, Smartphone GIS applications, UAV (drone) technology and its applications for video capture and forest mapping. Fee: \$50. Contact Beau with questions at (251) 259-6507. Register here: www.aces.edu/event/smartmap-1-0-4

October 3...Greensboro, Florida 9 AM ET. **Landowner Tour** at Crooked Creek Preserve on Hwy 270. Attendees will see longleaf pine, blooming wildflowers, native bee nesting boxes, bee hives, gopher tortoise burrows, and extensive damage to ravine system caused by Hurricane Michael. This is a walking tour so dress accordingly. Take necessary precautions if you have allergies to bee stings. Fee: \$15; lunch included. Contact Chris Demers at (352) 846-2375.

October 3...High Springs, Florida 10 AM - 12:30 PM. **Invasive Species Management** at O'Leno State Park. The meeting will include a presentation on a new herbicide application method. Bring a brown-bag lunch. RSVP to northcentral@floridainvasives.org

October 3...Ackerman, Mississippi 5:30 - 8 PM. **Timber Taxes** at Mississippi State University Extension, Harmon Circle - Courthouse Annex. Speaker: Dr. John Kushla. Meal provided. To RSVP call (662) 285-6337.

October 4...Teleconference Noon CT. **First Fridays Forestry Update** hosted by the American Forest Foundation is a conference call briefing on Washington, D.C. happenings. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions and share important policy issues. Dial-in number: 1-866-299-7945 and Participant code: 2594#

October 4-6...Shelby County. **Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW)** at Alabama 4-H Center on Lay Lake near Columbiana. Participants choose from over 50 courses such as: backyard wildlife, rock climbing, camp cooking, map and compass, camping, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, canoeing, bird watching, shooting sports, and many more. For women 18 years or older. Courses are held rain or shine. Fee: \$275; includes meals and lodging. Contact Hope Grier at 1-800-245-2740.

October 7...Mobile County 6 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at The Bluegill Restaurant, Mobile Bay Causeway, Mobile. Attend the cook-off and enjoy live music, door prizes, youth activities, and sample wild game recipes. Fee: \$50; youth under 15 free. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at (334) 285-4550.

October 7-11...Lauderdale County. **Falling into the Forest** at Joe Wheeler State Park's Red Loop Trail Head near Pavilion #3 is a Crash Course for Junior Naturalists. The course is nature lessons for preschool and elementary age kids ages 2-11 in two groups. You will need bug spray, sunscreen, appropriate outdoor clothing and shoes, water, and camera (if desired). For info contact Blair Baxter at (601) 618-1416.

October 8...Cleveland, Mississippi 8:30 AM - 12 Noon. **Tree Identification Workshop** at the Bolivar County Agricultural Center, 406 North Martin Luther King Drive. Please wear field clothes and insect repellent. Fee: \$10. To register, call Laura Giccaglia at (662) 843-8362.

October 9...NATIONWIDE 10:00 AM Central Time. **CAPITAL IDEAS - LIVE! 15-minute Telephone News Conference for Alabama Forest Owners.** Listen on your phone

or later on the web. Call AFOA to register: (205) 624-2225.

October 9...Online 12 PM Noon CT. The **Oak Decline in the United States** webinar will provide a general overview of symptoms, range, impact, and possible management strategies. Presenter: Ryan Blaedow, U.S. Forest Service. If you need assistance connecting to the webinar email contact@sref.info.

October 10...Bainbridge, Georgia 9 AM—1 PM ET. **Safe Harbor Workshop** provided by Tall Timbers, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and Jones Center at Ichauway. The US Fish & Wildlife Service's Safe Harbor program provides some assurance to landowners who manage their land to provide Red-Cockaded Woodpecker habitat that the landowners won't be prosecuted if a woodpecker should be harmed by management activities. Contact Amy Allen to RSVP: (850) 893-4153x249.

October 10...Gainesville, Florida 9 AM - 3 PM ET. **Forest Plant Identification** at Morningside Nature Center, 3540 East University Avenue. This is a walking event in the woods. Wear appropriate clothing. Fee: \$15; lunch provided. Contact Chris Demers at (352) 846-2375.

October 12-13...DeKalb County. **Women's Backpacking Trip for Beginners** at the DeSoto State Park Nature Center. This class for women will teach basic skills such as pitching and striking a tent, fire craft, water processing, camping etiquette, food and bear safety, and map reading basics. Hiking is moderate at about 4 1/2 miles round trip. Fee: \$85; all food and supplies included. Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. Contact Robert Wilson at (209) 559-0040.

October 14-15...Dale County. **ForestHer Basics: A Workshop for Women Who Love the Land** at the Dale County Extension Office, 202 S Highway 123, Suite D, Ozark. This workshop for women will feature presentations about the history of Alabama's forests and an introduction to what women need to learn about forest management in a relaxed, fun setting. Fee: \$65. Contact Becky Barlow at (334) 844-1019.

October 15-17...Moultrie, Georgia. **Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition** at Spence Field, 290-G Harper Blvd. Tractor & ATV test drives, Stock Dog Trials, educational seminars, and much more. Fee: \$10 single day pass. Call (229) 985-1968 for more information.

STANDING TIMBER VALUES				
	Hardwood Pulpwood		Oak Sawtimber	
	\$ per ton		\$ per ton	
	2Q18	2Q19	2Q18	2Q19
Alabama				
North	14.33	20.40	53.92	53.12
South	15.59	17.52	50.91	53.39
Average	14.96	18.96	52.42	53.26

Hardwood Pulpwood — 5,800 lbs./cord
Oak Sawtimber — 17,500 lbs./1000 Board Feet (Doyle)
2nd Quarter, 2018 (2Q18) and 2nd Quarter, 2019 (2Q19)
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STOCK MARKET REPORT			
		Price Per Share	
Company or Fund Name		09/14/18	09/16/19
PotlatchDeltic Corp. (PCH)	REIT	47.85	41.69
Rayonier (RYN)	REIT	34.55	27.87
Weyerhaeuser Co. (WY)	REIT	34.06	27.59
Louisiana Pacific (LPX)		30.93	24.76
WestRock (WRK)		55.82	37.92
CUT	ETF	32.81	26.52
WOOD	ETF	77.64	59.94

Stock Market Report courtesy of Howard Sokol, Raymond James Financial Services, Birmingham, Alabama.

LUMBER PRICES		
Source: <i>Random Lengths</i>		09/20/19
Lumber Price Guide		
2 x 6 untreated framing lumber*		\$350
2 x 6 pressure treated lumber**		\$470

* 2x6 #2&Btr KD Central Southern Pine (f.o.b. mill) (per 1000 board feet)
** 2x6 #2 Pressure-Treated Southern Pine (f.o.b. mill) (per 1000 board feet)
PLEASE NOTE: We are following 2x6 Southern Yellow Pine—Treated and Untreated as of October 2019.

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247± acres in Coosa County with a 2 bed, 1 bath home, built in 2013. 30' x 40' pole barn, outbuildings, & underground storm shelter. Well maintained trail system throughout property. Paved road frontage, heavily wooded with mature hardwoods/pine. Recent timber inventory on hand. Several creeks run through property. QDMA managed for 14 yrs. Multiple food plots, plenty of trophy deer, turkey, and small game. Property lines well marked with AFOA signage. Call or text for more info/pics. \$499,900. Call Bob at (239) 247-4666.

24 acres in Lauderdale County with deeded access for sale. Property recently had hardwood veneer logs har-

vested, but still has a number of oak and hardwood pulpwood trees. Beautiful location with awesome elevation and view of Bumpass Creek on County Road 14. Asking \$50,000. For a copy of the property map contact Stan at (205) 541-7553 or jfaulkn2@gmail.com.

- Dow-Jones Industrial Average: 27094.79
 - 10-year Treasury yield: 1.777%
 - Dollar: 108.02 Yen; Euro: \$1.1041
 - Oil: \$58.13/barrel
 - Gold: \$1,498.40/troy ounce
- Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, 09/20/19

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MORE THAN \$6,000 PER ACRE, that's what the white oak stand we visited in Lauderdale County with Consulting Forester Billy Rye will bring to landowner Stan Faulkner. Rye described the sale process and how he had attempted to follow Faulkner's goals during harvest planning. Other experts on hand were hardwood silviculturist Callie Schweitzer, wildlife biologist Mitchell Marks, and timber buyer Mike Trotter.

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October 16-18...Knoxville, Tennessee. **Tennessee Forestry Association Annual Meeting** at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 401 W Summit Hill Drive. Fee: \$275. Contact [Dana Howard](#) at (615) 883-3832.

October 17...Pike County. **Regional Forestry Field Day** at Renfroe Preservation near Hephzibah Baptist Church. GPS Coord.: 31.7669, -86.0456 Topics: Native Grasses, Green Tree Reservoirs, and Cypress Swamps via boardwalk. To attend, call the Wiregrass Research & Extension Center at (334) 693-2010.

October 18...Chilton County 8 AM - 2 PM. **Fall Landowner Tour** at the Honey Locust Farm. GPS Coord.: 32.8518, -86.7837 Topics: Pond Management, Site Preparation Methods, Wildlife Food Plots, Understory Release, and Controlling Unwanted Vegetation. Riding Tour with trailers provided. Fee: \$15; lunch included. Must register (with payment) by October 16. Call Chilton County Extension Office at (205) 280-6268.

October 18...Lee County 8 AM - 5 PM. **SmartMap 1.0 Workshop** at the Caterpillar Training Center, 6155 Health Road, Auburn. This workshop introduces audiences to low-cost and easy to use geospatial mapping applications (apps) that can be used on smartphones or iPads. It introduces audiences to GIS, GPS, Smartphone GIS applications, UAV (drone) technology and its applications for video capture and forest mapping. Fee: \$50. Contact [Beau](#) with questions at (251) 259-6507. Register here: www.aces.edu/event/smartmap-1-0-5

October 19...Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 7 AM - 9:30 PM ET. **The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) Annual Fall Meeting** at Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle. Fee: \$135. Call TACF at (828) 281-0047.

 October 22...Dallas County 10 AM. The **AFOA Forestry Field Day** will meet at Lannie's Bar-B-Q Spot, 2115 Minter Avenue, Selma. We will caravan to the property no later than 10:30 AM, take the tour, then return to Lannie's for a Dutch Treat lunch. Come meet with **Consulting Forester Hunter Brown**. Topics: Forest estate planning to increase income from your property, How to use drones, and Thinning crowded stands. RSVP [Pat Richeson](#) at (205) 624-2225.


October 22...Webinar 1 PM Central Time. **Jewels of the Night: Conservation of Fireflies in the U.S. and Canada**. Open on the web by clicking on bit.ly/JewelsOfTheNight.

October 22, 23, & 24...Escambia County. **Progressive Agriculture Safety Day (Kids Only)** at Auburn Experiment Station, Brewton. Fifth grade students only. Contact [Chasity Pettis](#) at (251) 867-8042.

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GREAT PLACE TO POINT A CAMERA
The gopher tortoise and the Eastern Diamondback rattlesnake appear to be in a race to reach the burrow. "Diamondbacks are one of over 300 documented species that utilize gopher tortoise burrows." Source: *TREETopics*, 9/19.



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ACCORDING TO A SURVEY done by the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama as reported in *The Advisor*, 9/19, **69% believe state government officials do not care about their opinions and 57% believe they have no say in state government.** If you believe state officials don't care about your opinions and you have no say in state government, may we suggest you take some actions to change your beliefs?

- Attend the Alabama Agribusiness Council's Legislative Reception in early 2019. AFOA is a sponsor and we'll help you meet and chat with some of the 25+ lawmakers that attend that event. No cost to attend.
- Attend one of the Alabama Forestry Association's Regional Receptions that are listed in our Calendar of Events. Easy, relaxed opportunity to meet local legislators. Ask Tom Saunders or one of the AFA staff to make introductions. No cost, but you might want to join AFA if you find the event(s) useful to you.
- Attend the monthly luncheons of your local Chamber of Commerce. Numerous local lawmakers attend. Cost of lunch.



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MEET A CONSULTING FORESTER:
Oct. 22, Hunter Brown, Oct. 24, Heath Eckert, and Nov. 21, Soterra foresters.

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ESTATE PLANNING COSTS: "I have worked with attorneys who do a fabulous job of planning and getting wills and trusts, entities, powers of attorney, and land deeds all done for about \$1,500. I've also heard of people paying a planner \$15,000 and their attorney another \$20,000, so clearly there is a huge range of setup costs. Understand the costs up front. You don't always get what you pay for." Source: Myron Friesen, Farm Financial Strategies, writing in *Successful Farming*, 9/19.

FOREST PROFILES:



FOREST PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS

by Paige Townley

Littrell Lumber Mill has a reputation for producing high-grade lumber, and that reputation dates all the way back to the mill's first days nearly 100 years ago. Avery Littrell, Sr., established Littrell Lumber in 1934. He originally had a portable mill, moving from tract to tract, before permanently settling in **Decatur**. After WWII, his sons, Avery Littrell, Jr. and Howard, got involved in what became the family business, and by the 1960s, the company was two-fold: it featured a sawmill, as well as a building supply. While the building supply side sells anything and everything needed to build a house—like doors, windows and plywood—the sawmill focuses primarily on heart pine for its products. From flooring to clear boards, Littrell Lumber has a highly selective process for getting logs, ensuring that every product that comes out of the mill is of only the highest quality and standards. In fact, every board is sawn and graded by a member of the family, which today includes four siblings working together. "We are small enough that it allows us to keep a selective timber procurement process," said Amanda Littrell, third generation to be working in the mill. "That helps us continue to keep the focus on providing only the best."

Why manage your woodlands?

By Marvin C. Meier

A better question might be why not?

1. Woodlands are long-term resources.

In my view, it seems that when you think of a resource that is going to be around for decades, you would want to think ahead; you should want to plan for its future. What is this woods going to look like in 5 years? 10 years? 40 years? We do that with our homes, our autos and our health. We should plan for our woodlands.

2. Managing gives you more of what you want from your woodland.

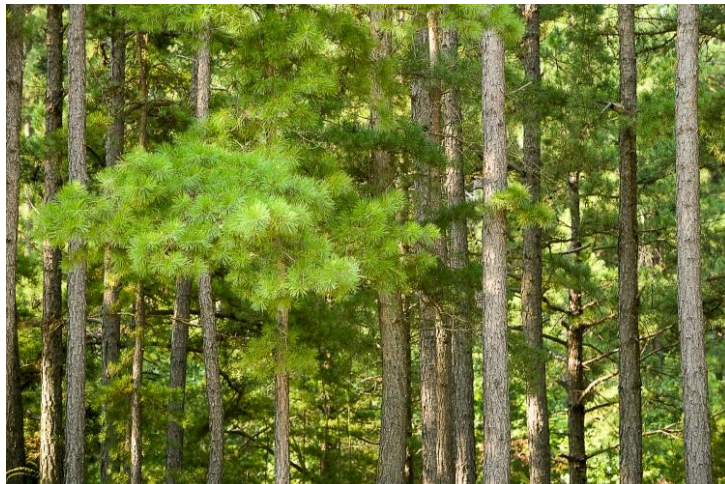
Much of what goes on within a forest does not necessarily create esthetic wildlife or commercial value. The value of forest products and the view within your woodlands will be much different over time with management. What do you want from your woodland? Why do you own it? What are your objectives? You should work with a consulting forester, but there is much you can do on your own and even more under the general guidance of a consulting forester.

3. Is managing going to hurt “nature” or the ecology of my woodland?

Given the concern we all see in the media regarding forest management, you may be concerned that you will be hurting nature or the ecology of your woodland by managing it. When a forest regenerates, it has many thousands of seedlings or sprouts and likely a variety of shrubs or brush. Under “natural” conditions in a full canopied even-age mature forest, you may have 30 to 50 trees per acre. Most of the seedlings and sprouts die. Inherited species characteristics play a role in these deaths to be sure, but chance also plays a major role. Management reduces the role of chance. You can stack the deck in favor of the species and individual stems you want. You can do this without harming the ecology of your woods.

4. It's fun!

If you use your woods, as I must assume most of you do, it can be enjoyable to work at trails, clearing unwanted brush or thinning the number of stems. It might not be fun to have to do it for a living, but doing it on



your own time and at your own pace for your own purposes is a different matter. You can determine densities, volumes and growth rates on your own with a forester's general guidance.

5. Managing can be a family strengthening activity.

Activities that a family, maybe a family of three or even four generations, can enjoy together are very attractive to many woodland owners. Bird and animal watching, tracking, or learning the signs different animals make are activities the very young and the very old can enjoy. Managing your forest so that you have trails through a variety of settings helps these activities and it also helps you enjoy your woodland throughout the seasons.

6. Oh yes! Managing can also help your woodland make money for you.

Did I mention you can actually make money by managing your woodlands? Well, you can — perhaps not big money, but you can get return of capital and value added and still have the entire spectrum of resources growing for you. Small trees only need small space. Larger trees need larger space. Timely thinning, improvement and selection cuts allow the best trees to add commercial value. Timely harvest captures that value.

Marvin C. Meier is past president of Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association. He owns woodlands in Price County, Wisconsin. This article first appeared in Wisconsin Woodlands magazine in the fall of 2018 and is printed here by permission of the Association and the Magazine.



Everyone who handles a firearm should remember these 10 Commandments of Firearm Safety:

1. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded. If you become careless with unloaded guns, you will soon become careless with loaded guns.
2. Control the direction of the muzzle. You should always know where the firearm is being pointed at all times, and always keep it pointed in a safe direction. This should become a habit when handling a firearm.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
4. Identify your target and what's beyond it. Never shoot at movement and make sure you know what is behind your target before you shoot. Never shoot a bullet at a flat hard surface or water. Bullets traveling at a high velocity that hit water or a hard surface will bounce off at an uncontrollable angle. This is referred to as a ricochet. An earthen bank is the best backstop. Just remember, once you shoot the bullet, you cannot take it back.
5. Be sure the barrel and action is clear of obstructions and that you only have ammunition of the proper size for the firearm you are carrying. This means to be very careful to keep dirt and debris out of the barrel. When a cartridge is fired, tremendous pressures are created to push the projectile through and out the barrel. If the channel that the bullet must travel through is not completely clear, then the pressures that are pushing the bullet down the barrel back up and create a very dangerous condition. It is also imperative that you have the correct ammunition for the firearm. The cartridge must fit the chamber precisely or the same dangerous condition will be created. The correct ammunition used in a firearm is normally stamped on the barrel of the firearm. The same information is stamped on the head of the case of the cartridge or shot shell.
6. Unload firearms when not in use. Leave the action open. Firearms should be carried unloaded and in a case to and from your shooting or hunting area.
7. Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot. This means no horseplay with a firearm. It also means never use a firearm to threaten a person.
8. Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log, with a loaded firearm. When moving around with a loaded firearm, always control the muzzle. Even if you trip or fall with the firearm, hold on to it firmly and keep it pointed in a safe direction. Never pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle. Never lean a firearm against a tree, fence, wall or automobile.
9. Store firearms and ammunition separately beyond the reach of children and inexperienced adults. You should expand that list to include mentally unstable people. This is a very important responsibility of owning a firearm.
10. Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while shooting or hunting. No one should drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs while hunting and never go hunting with anyone who does.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Do you believe private forestland is better for our country than public forestland? Why?


Give your answer(s) at
<http://bit.ly/201910QM>

In December we'll give an AFOA cap to one participant from our 2019 Questions. The winner will be chosen at random. You must submit your email address on the online form in order to be eligible to win.

BUCKET MOUNTED LOG TONGS improved with rope controls by Muscle Shoals landowner, James Box. He pulls on rope to open the tongs, then lowers the bucket over the log. Seen in *Farm Show*, Vol. 43, No. 5.



FOREST PROFILES: CONSULTING FORESTERS
by Paige Townley



Brian Agnew realized pretty early on in life that he wanted to be a forester. But that career influence came from a pretty unexpected place: a commercial. "When I was about 14 or 15 years old, there was a commercial on television that showed a forester planting trees," he explained. "That really cultivated my desire to be a forester."

Agnew went on to pursue that dream, graduating from Auburn University and going to work for Union Camp Corporation, then with a timber dealer/lumber company. Eventually, he went into business for himself and started Southern Land Management. Agnew drew on the experience and knowledge he gained in his previous jobs—"Being a timber buyer really prepared me for becoming a consulting forester," he added—and today offers clients services such as timber sales, site preparation, and replanting. He works with landowners throughout Union Spring and Bullock County, as well as in surrounding counties in southeast Alabama. "I really enjoy spending time with my clients and working with them through their needs," Agnew said. "I really enjoy the process. I just can't imagine myself doing anything else."

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October 22-23...Tuscaloosa County 5 - 9 PM. **Traditional Hunter Education Course** at the Tuscaloosa County Extension Office, 2513 7th Street, Tuscaloosa. No fee. Successfully completing an approved hunter education course is mandatory for all non-supervised Alabama hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977. There are some exceptions. There are other courses being taught at various locations and dates as well as online only courses. Pre-register as classes have limited seating. For additional information contact **Marisa Futral** at 1-800-245-2740.

October 22-23...Tifton, Georgia. **Pine Straw Production - Stand Management and Economics** at the Tifton County Ag Center, Conference Room 1468, 1468 Carpenter Road. Learn about pine straw yields by species, site quality, land-use history, pine straw raking effects, fertilization, herbicides, controlling unwanted plant species, and basal area. Fee: \$225; \$25 discount if paid by October 9. Contact **Ingvar Elle** at (706) 583-0566.

October 22-24...Elmore County. **Alabama Landowners Conference** at the Marriott Prattville Hotel & Conference Center, 2500 Legends Circle, Prattville. Topics include: Management Plans, Cogonagrass, White Oak Initiative, Wild Pig Removal, Glyphosate Use, and More. Awards presented: Tree Farm, Helene Mosley Memorial, W. Kelly Mosely, and others. Fee: \$100. Contact **William Green** at (334) 612-5235.

October 22-24...Athens, Georgia. **Forestry for Non-Foresters Part 1 (Oct 22)** at Flinchum's Phoenix, Whitehall Forest, 650 Phoenix Road. "This course will be especially useful for landowners and those who work with foresters and the forest industry." Fee: \$210; \$35 discount if registered by 10/2/19. **Forestry for Non-Foresters Part 2** is on October 23-24. Fee: \$345; \$50 discount if registered by 10/2/19. Contact **Ingvar Elle** at (706) 583-0566. See the leaders of this course give a **teaser presentation** at the 2016 AFOA Annual Meeting on the AFOA website under Video Meetings.

October 23...Bullock County 8 AM - 1 PM. **Classroom in the Forest** at 4819 Pleasant Hill Road, Midway. This event is for all 5th grade classes in the county. Contact **Allie Corcoran** at (334) 687-5688.

October 24...Mobile County 10 AM. The **AFOA Forestry Field Day** will meet at Goldfingers, 1020 Industrial Parkway, Saraland. We will caravan to the property no later than 10:30 AM, take the tour, then return to Goldfingers for a Dutch Treat lunch. Come meet with **Consulting Foresters Heath Eckert**. Topics: The Ins and Outs of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Programs - benefits and advantages, cogonagrass spraying, understory burning, longleaf tree planting, and boundary line maintenance.

RSVP **Pat Richeson** at (205) 624-2225.

October 24...Milton, Florida 8:15 AM - 12:45 PM CT. **Blackwater River State Forest Tour** will meet at the Bear Lake Pavilion off Bear Lake Road. The tour will include a demonstration of a sawmill and gristmill, the Seed Orchard processing facility, a timber stand improvement site, timber sale, and red-cockaded woodpecker cluster. Lunch provided. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing. Pre-registration is required. Contact **Ashlee White** at (850) 626-3028.

October 24...Tuscaloosa County 6 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at Woods & Water, Inc., 5101 Summit Ridge, Tuscaloosa. Attend the cook-off and enjoy live music, door prizes, youth activities, and sample wild game recipes. Fee: \$40; youth under 15 admitted free. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at (334) 285-4550.

October 25...Coffee County 9 AM - 1 PM. **Forestry Alternative Income Opportunities** at Coffee County Extension Office, 1055 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton. A pine straw operation tour & demonstration is included. Contact **Bence Carter** at (334) 389-4055.

October 25...McDavid, Florida 9 AM CT. **Tree Farm Tour and Awards Ceremony** at Russell Brothers Farm, 2210 Russell Road. Come learn about longleaf pine management, enhancing wildlife habitat, controlling unwanted vegetation, Best Management Practices (BMPs), and more. Wear appropriate clothing for outdoors. Lunch included. Pre-registration required. Call the Florida Forestry Association at (850) 222-5646.

October 25...Green Cove Springs, Florida 6 PM ET. **Marketing Your Timber Workshop** at the Clay County Agricultural Center, 2463 SR 16 West. Senior Forester James Tootle will share tips on timber sales such as: Types of sales, Methods of sales, and What Impacts the Value of your Timber. To attend RSVP **James** at (904) 845-7238.

October 29...Coosa County 8 AM - 2 PM. **Forest Landowner Tour** at 233 Coosa County Road 48, Kellyton. Landowners come learn about resources that will help you better manage your private forestland. Topics may include: Prescribed Burning, Pine Straw Baling, and Undesirable Plants. Contact **Sharon Haynes** at (256) 377-4713.

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November 1...Teleconference Noon CT. **First Fridays Forestry Update** hosted by the American Forest Foundation is a conference call briefing on Washington, D.C. happenings. Dial-in number: 1-866-299-7945 and Participant code: 2594#

November 5...Autauga & Chilton Counties.

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General Election for vacant House District 42 seat. This seat was previously held by state Representative Jimmy Martin.

November 7...Pickens County. **Regional Forestry Field Day** at Amazon Farms, Aliceville. **Topic:** Creating a family recreational retreat. To attend, call the Pickens County Extension at (205) 367-8148.

November 7...Clarke County 6 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at Old Grove Hill Academy Football Field, 15471 Highway 43, Grove Hill. Fee: \$40 for up to two adults. Youth under 15 free. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at 1-800-822-9453.

November 8-9...Choctaw County. **Forestry: It's Who We Are Field Day** will take place on the grounds surrounding Pennington Town Hall. Friday is a career day for students and Saturday is open to everyone. Events include: lumberjack, log running, saw race, and other events to highlight the skills needed to operate machinery in the forest industry. Contact **Maggie Dailey** at (251) 589-4328.

November 12...Montgomery County. **Special General Election** for vacant House District 74 seat. This seat was previously held by state Representative Dimitri Polizos.

📞 November 13...NATIONWIDE 10:00 AM Central Time. **CAPITAL IDEAS - LIVE! 15**

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November 13...Montgomery County 12 PM Noon. **PALS (People Against A Littered State) Governor's Awards** at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery. Nominations must be submitted by October 20. Call Alabama PALS at (334) 263-7737.

November 14...Covington County 6 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at Covington Center Arena, Andalusia. Fee: \$40. Youth under 15 free. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at 1-800-822-9453.

November 15-17...Baldwin County. **Gopher Tortoise Council Annual Meeting** at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores. Fee: \$160; \$20 discount if paid by October 28. For more information contact **Ericha Nix** at (334) 242-3862.

🏠 November 21...Butler County 9:30 AM. The **AFOA Forestry Field Day** will meet at Bates House of Turkey in Greenville. We will caravan to the property no later than 10 AM, take the tour, then return to Bate's House of Turkey for a Dutch Treat lunch. Come meet with **Soterra's consulting foresters**. **Topics:** Does hiring a consultant make dollars and sense? and Drones and forestry. RSVP **Pat Richeson** at (205) 624-2225.

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December 5...Atlanta, Georgia 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM ET. **Wood Flows & Cash Flows** at Georgia Tech Global Learning Center. This class details research and insights for analysis supporting investments in the forest industry. Fee: \$850; \$100 discount if paid by November 21. Contact **Heather Clark** at (770) 725-8447.

December 6...Teleconference Noon CT. **First Fridays Forestry Update** hosted by the American Forest Foundation is a conference call briefing on Washington, D.C. happenings.

December 8-9...Montgomery County. **Alabama Farmers Federation Annual Meeting** at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Convention Center. Contact **Telea Perry** at (334) 613-4080.

December 9-10...Athens, Georgia. **Southern Forestry and Natural Resource Management GIS Conference** at The Georgia Center for Continuing Education. This conference encompasses topics related to the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in forestry and natural resource management. Fee: \$300; \$25 discount if paid by November 8. Contact **Ingvar Elle** at (706) 583-0566.

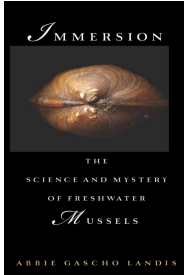
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SEVEN VIDEOS from April 27 (Saturday) Atmore Annual Meeting have been published to www.AFOA.org, [Video Meetings](#).

- **Managing Stands of Mixed Pine & Hardwoods**, *Dr. John L. Willis*, Mississippi State University Extension
- **Southern Pine Beetle Monitoring & Notification System**, *Bruce Springer & Dana Stone*, Alabama Forestry Commission
- **Alabama Timber Outlook**, *Dr. Adam Maggard*, School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences, Auburn University
- **Selling Timber: The Process - How it works and Why it works**, *William E. Dixon, RF*, Consulting Forester, Larson & McGowin Forestry Consultants
- **The Nuts and Bolts of Borrowing Money to Buy Land**, *Keith McKinley*, Monroeville Branch, Alabama Ag Credit
- **Issues for the Legislature:** Out-of-Control Fire District Dues AND The Fuel Tax & Spending Priorities, *Thomas J. Saunders*, General Counsel & Director of Government Affairs, Alabama Forestry Association
- **Working Alone in the Woods** - Location Sharing Apps and Satellite Messenger Devices, *Stephen Logan*, Forest Certification & Technology Manager, F & W Forestry Services

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