Riverwood Tree Farm, 7581 County Road 35, Brew- men. Topics include: Alabama Best Management Practices, Prescribed Fire, Critical Habitat, and Wat- ter Quality. Lunch provided, but space is limited. Contact Leigh Peters at (334) 481-2134.

April 17...Houston County 9 - 11 AM. Shitake Mushroom Workshop at the Houston County Extensi- on Office, 1066 Rose Clark Circle, Dothan. Shii- take mushrooms grow very easily in logs. Learn how to grow mushrooms by inoculating your own log to take home. Fee: $10. Contact Lucy Edwards at (334) 774-2329.

April 17-19...Aiken, South Carolina. Longleaf Acad- emy: Groundcover Restoration G201 at Clemson University Cooperative Extension. Topics will include: Management planning for restoration pro- jects, site prep options, selection of plant materials, seed sources, ectotypes, and demonstration of vari- ous types of equipment. Fee: $150; two lunches included. Contact Karen Brown at (334) 427-1029.

April 18...Webinar 1 PM CST. Farmbeats: An Emerging Farm Level Communication Technology will teach participants about data-driven farming which could help increase farm productivity and help reduce costs. For more information email Holli Kuykendall at holli.kuykendall@gnb.usda.gov.

April 19-20...Monticello, Mississippi. Youth Natural Resources Field Day at the BB Bass Farm, Henry Bass Road. GPS coord.: 31.566010, -90.142277. This field day is for 5th Graders. Some topics and activities include: Paper Production Demonstration, Portable Saw Mill, Wildlife Biology, Wood Crafts, and much more. Lunch provided. For more information call Hortense Bass at (601) 695-8822.

April 20...Bibb County 8 AM - 1 PM. Wild Pig Con- trol Workshop at the US Forest Service Work Cen- ter, 325 Church Road, Brent. Fee: $10; lunch included. Contact Matt Hartzell at (205) 926-4310.

April 21...Puryear, Tennessee 8 AM. Healthy Hard- woods Field Day at Middleton Lumber Company, Sustainable Forestry vs. Diameter Limit Cutting. Lunch provided. Contact Dana Howard at (615) 883-3832.

April 24...Houston County 9 AM - 4 PM. Wiregrass Region Alabama Naturalist Program at Landmark Park, 430 Landmark Drive, Dothan. Topic of ses- sion: Alabama’s Cultural Landscape. This program’s goal is to help promote awareness, understand- ing, and respect of Alabama’s natural world. Fee: $30/session. Contact Doyle Keasal at (334) 750-6735.

April 24-27...West Palm Beach, Florida. Prescribed Fire For Wildlife at the Everglades Youth Conserva- tion Camp. Fee: $375; meals and lodging included. For more information contact Jim Schortemeyer at (239) 455-5847.

April 25...Atlanta, Georgia 8 AM - 5 PM EST. Southeast Wood Solutions Fair at the Georgia Interna- tional Convention Center. Learn about mass tim- ber & heavy timber applications with a full day of education for professionals or anyone interested wind’s exciting design possibilities. Fee: $150. Contact Mary Schramka at (708) 204-9578.

April 26...Winston County 8 - 11 AM. Bark Beetle Control on the Bankhead National Forest (NF) & Adjacent Landowners at the Traders and Farmers Bank, Bernice Hilton Walker Building. Upstairs Room, 64 Main Street, Double Springs. Topics include: Beetle/Wildlife Concerns, Recognition & Patch Control, Bidding on NF Timber Sales, and Best Management Practices. Pre-register as seating is limited. Contact Andrew Baril at (205) 388-6893.

April 27...Coffee County 8:45 - 2 PM. Spring Land- owner Tour at the property of Doug Watkins, at the end of Coffee County Road 630. GPS coord.: 31.66587, -8600480. Topics include: Pollinator Habitat, Wild Hog Management, Erosion Control, The Need to Interplant Longleaf, and Gopher Tor- toise Conservation. Lunch provided. To RSVP call (334) 894-5596.

April 27-28...Laurel County, 2018 AFOA ANNUAL MEETING: Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge (northwest Alabama on the Tennessee Riv- er), For Room Reservations call (256) 247-5461 and use Group Code#2573. See page 4 for agenda and meeting registration information.

May 2-3...Gainesville, Florida. Annual Spring Sym- posium will explore disturbances that affect forest health and management. Location: The Learning Center, 10625 NE Waldo Road. Topics include: Breeding efforts to improve disease resistance, Proactive management for extreme drought, Insect challenges, and more. Fee: $175; includes break- fast, lunch, BBQ dinner, and social. Contact Chris Demers at (352) 846-2375.

May 4...Covington County 11 AM - 1 PM. Covington County Forestry Committee Meeting at the Covington County Ag Center, 23952 Alabama Highway 55, Andalusia. Landowners invited. For more information contact Charles Simon at (334) 222-1125.

May 4...Teleconference Noon CT. First Fridays Forestry Update hosted by the American Forest Foundation is a conference call briefing on Washing- ton, D.C. happenings. You’ll have an opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns. Dial-in number: 1-866-299-7945 and Participant code: 2594#.

May 5...DeKalb County 9 AM, 1 PM, & 3 PM. Best Management Practices. Pre-registration information call (256) 860-8600. Topics include: Pollinator Habitat, Wild Hog Management, Erosion Control, The Need to Interplant Longleaf, and Gopher Tor- toise Conservation. Lunch provided. To RSVP call (334) 894-5596.

May 8-9...Columbia, South Carolina. Forest Tech- nology Workshop at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. This workshop, which is primarily for foresters, will focus on GIS, drones, soft- ware, and hardware. It will feature demonstrations, discussions, and field exercises. Fee: $339. For more information call Society of American Foresters at (301) 897-8720.
STANDING TIMBER VALUES

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For Timber Mart-South subscription details, call (706) 542-4756 or visit www.timmart-south.com. See 6/16/2018.

FORESTLAND FOR SALE

20 acres in Coosa County on CR 9 off Hwy 280 near Hatcher Creek. 21 year old hardwood timber with 600' of road frontage on paved county road. Very private property only 1/4 mile north of Hwy 280. $2,500/acre. Call Rex, owner, at (205) 305-9223.

- Dow-Jones Industrial Average: 23957.89
- 10-year Treasury yield: 2.832%
- Dollar: 105.28 Yen; Euro: $1.2304
- Oil: $46.30/barrel
- Gold: $1,326.60/troy ounce

STOCK MARKET REPORT

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Stock Market Report courtesy of Howard Sokol, Raymond James Financial Services, Birmingham, Alabama. Potlatch completed its merger with Deltec Timber Corporation on February 20, 2018 and is now PotlatchDeltic Corporation.

“HIGHER LUMBER DEMAND from all end-use sectors in the US in the coming years will result in continued expansion of sawmill capacity in the US South and increased imports from overseas, while Western Canada will reduce its shipments to the US market.” “US production of softwood lumber is likely to reach record-highs by 2030...” Source: Wood Resources International, 3/23/18.

LUMBER & SHEATHING PRICES

Source: Random Lengths MidWeek Market Report
03/22/18          03/21/18
2 x 4 lumber *     $359          $512
7/16 Oriented Strand Board ** $305          $405
* 2x4 8#8 KD Western S-P-S (mill base price) (per 1000 board feet)
** 7/16 OSB (North Central) (f.o.b. mill price) (per 1000 square feet)

“RAVENOUS LUMBER CUSTOMERS Wait for Wood; Sawmill Expansions on Horizon,” shouts a headline related to western softwood lumber customers. Source: Forest2Market.com blog, 3/22/18.

“CANADIAN AND EUROPEAN CAPITAL will continue to flow into US forest-products assets and timberland at rates not seen in years... the US still has the largest area of investable timberland in the world... The world is short of virgin softwood fiber; the US has no shortage, so US pulp assets are garnering attention.” Source: 10 Predictions for Global Wood Consuming Industries in 2018. Forest2Market.com blog, January 16, 2018.

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TIMBER SALE ASSISTANCE

TIMBER BUYER LIST for your county. Printed on gummed labels ready for mailing prospectus. Just tell us the county in which your timber is located. $15 per county. MEMBERS ONLY. AFOA, Box 361434, Birmingham, AL 35236

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Site Preparation & Tree Planting Services. For a list in your county, call AFOA at (205)624-2225.

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37th Annual Meeting
Alabama Forest Owners’ Association, Inc.
Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, 2018
Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge
4401 McLean Dr., Rogersville, Alabama

Friday Evening
Speakers Reception and “Hot Dog Roast”
Music by Tommy Sellers and the Hillabee Creek Band
Everyone is Invited!

Saturday Breakout Sessions
Breakout sessions will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Estate Planning...11:00 AM Cathy Rice, CPA, JamisonMoneyFarmer PC
- Tree and Forest Measurements...8:00 AM & 1 PM Dr. Adam Maggard, Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

SATURDAY APRIL 28
8:00 AM Registration -- Coffee in Exhibits Area
8:30 AM Welcome & Business Meeting -- AFOA President, Ben Black
8:45 AM Introductions of Breakout Session leaders
8:50 AM Managing for Quality White Oaks
Dr. David C. Mercker, University of Tennessee, Extension Forestry
Managing for Quality Hardwoods
Dr. Callie Schweitzer, US Forest Service Southern Research Station, Huntsville
10:30 AM Coffee Break in Exhibits Area
11:00 AM Chronic Wasting Disease — Potential Economic Impact for Landowners & Alabama
Chuck Sykes, Director, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, Dept. of Conservation
11:25 AM Where We Are & Where We Might Go: Alabama’s Forests and Economic Development
Dan Chappell, Forest Inventory & Analysis, Alabama Forestry Commission
Guy Faulkner, Forest Economic Development, Alabama Forestry Commission
12 NOON Lunch
1:00 PM For the Politically Concerned: ForestPAC
Chris Isaacson, EVP, Alabama Forestry Association
1:15 PM Bring the Kids Along for the Ride — because they’ll soon be driving
Molly Gregg, 4-H and Youth Development, Alabama Extension System
1:40 PM A Shared Vision: The Defense of Private Property
R. Nelson Nash, Nelson Nash Institute, Birmingham
2:05 PM Coffee Break in Exhibits Area
2:35 PM The Federal Income Tax — Basic Information for Forest Owners
James G. Brazil, Jr., CPA, JamisonMoneyFarmer PC
3:10 PM Boots on the Ground — A Panel Discussion
Dr. Adam Maggard, Auburn University School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences
Joseph T. Capps, RF, Forestry Consultants, Inc.
Jon R. Ingram, RF, Ingram Forestry
Arthia “Billy” Rye, RF, ACF, Forest Management Specialists, Inc.
John Ross Havard, RF, National Land Realty
4:00 PM Door Prizes and Adjourn

Reserve Lodge Rooms, Cottages, or Cabins
Joe Wheeler State Park
(256) 247-5461 Use Group Code # 2573

Friday Event Details
All events are self-driven. No transportation provided.

iPad Mapping & Drones
11 AM – 5 PM, Friday, April 27
All Seats Have Been Taken.

Brown-Forman Cooperaage Tour
1 PM, Friday, April 27
Location: 1649 Cooperage Way, Trinity, AL 35673 or GPS Coordinates: 34624881, -87.114147
Fee: $45.00 includes Friday evening reception and Saturday program and lunch.

Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve
1 PM, Friday, April 27
Location: 251 Loop Road, Tuscumbia, AL 35674
Tour Leaders: Jim & Faye Lacefield
Description: Jim & Faye Lacefield will describe the natural history of the area and their trail building work.
Fee: $45.00 includes Friday evening reception and Saturday program and lunch.

Exhibitors
JamisonMoneyFarmer PC
Stephenson Land Services, LLC
Estate Management Services, Inc.
Association of Consulting Foresters
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Forest Owner Annual Meeting Advanced Registration
Please print name as it is to appear on name tag.

Name: ________________________________  Spouse: ________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________
City, State, & Zip: ________________________________________________________
Telephone: ____________________________________________________________
Email: _______________________________________________________________

Annual Meeting Registration
Friday Reception & Saturday Lunch included $50 after 4/19/2018 $40 per person

**PLEASE READ THIS** Tour & Workshop Prices include Annual Meeting Registration

iPad Mapping & Drones Workshop $70 after 4/19/2018 $60 per person FULL
Brown-Forman Cooperaage Tour $55 after 4/19/2018 $45 per person
Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve Tour $55 after 4/19/2018 $45 per person

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE ________

Plan to attend the Friday Evening Reception
Plan to eat Saturday lunch

Mail with payment to: AFOA - Annual Meeting, P. O. Box 361434, Birmingham, AL 35236
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBER SERVICE REQUESTS

[ ] I own 40 or more acres of forestland in Alabama and would like, at no cost to me, an Initial Consultation with a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters.*
[ ] I am enclosing $15 for a Timber Buyer List for ________ County.
[ ] Guidelines for Hunting Lease Agreement
[ ] Model for a Timber Sale Contract
[ ] Application for Hunting Lease Liability Insurance Coverage *
[ ] Application for Timberland Liability Insurance Coverage *
[ ] ____________________ postage cards enclosed.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

(1st class postage will cause your newsletter to arrive several days earlier than bulk rate)

1 YEAR
[ ] Regular Member - Bulk Rate Postage $16
[ ] Regular Member - 1st Class Postage $28
[ ] Sustaining Member - 1st Class Postage $160

2 YEARS
[ ] Regular Member - Bulk Rate Postage $31
[ ] Regular Member - 1st Class Postage $55
[ ] Sustaining Member - 1st Class Postage $320

3 YEARS
[ ] Regular Member - Bulk Rate Postage $46
[ ] Regular Member - 1st Class Postage $82
[ ] Sustaining Member - 1st Class Postage $480

* This service is for landowners only. Hunters may only use the hunting lease liability

(Mr.)(Mrs.)(Ms.)
Name of Landowner (person, family, partnership, corporation, LLC, etc.)*
(Mr.)(Mrs.)(Ms.)
Name of Person Representing Landowner (optional)*

Mailing Address

City
State
Zip Code

Telephone: home
Telephone: work

Telephone: fax
E-Mail Address (we do not share)

State(s) and County(ies) Where Forestland Is Located — Please List.

CALANDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

May 10...Sumter County, Progressive Agriculture Safety Day (Kids Only) at Lake LU, Livingston. 3rd grade students only. Contact Mandee Carrier at (205) 652-7521.

May 10...Lee County 8 AM - 3:30 PM. SmartMap Workshop at the CASIC Building, 559 Devall Drive, Auburn. This workshop’s objectives are: Introduce user-friendly GIS apps and GPS for iPhone and iPad. Train attendees on using smart devices to collect GPS data in the field, Use GIS apps to develop maps, Demonstrate the capabilities of UAVs for collecting real-time imagery, and more. To register and watch a one minute video about the workshop visit www.alabamasmartmap.com Fee: $50. Email questions to smartmap@auburn.edu.

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May 10...Jefferson County 6 - 8 PM. AFOA Dinner and Discussion at Landry’s Seafood, 139 State Farm Parkway, Birmingham. Come enjoy dinner and talk about the issues with other forest landowners. Dutch Treat dinner at 6 PM. Limited seating. No walk-ins. To attend, RSVP AFOA at (205) 624-2225.

May 15...Limestone & Morgan Counties. Special General Election for vacant House District 4 seat.

May 15...Montgomery County. Special General Election for vacant Senate District 26 seat.

May 15...Kosciusko, Mississippi 8:30 AM - 2:15 PM. Understanding Global Positioning System (GPS) Workshop at the Attalla County Extension Office, 715 Fairground Road. Topics include: History of GPS, Marking, Navigation, and Calculating Area. Half of workshop will be hands-on training outdoors. Fee: $20; lunch included. To register call Taylor Casey at (662) 289-5431.

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May 19...Dallas County 9 AM. Silvopasture for Multiple Incomes at 472 Pecan Road, Plantersville. Contact Dr. Umit Karki at (334) 727-8336.

May 26...Tallahassee, Florida 9 - 11 AM EST. Family Heirs’ Property Workshop Series at Florida A&M University CEP Teleconference Center, 2010 Pinder Drive. Session Four will discuss the topic: What action steps help families resolve family conflict about Family Heirs’ Property. Contact Sandra Thompson at (850) 599-3546.

June 2018

June 1...Covington County 11 AM - 1 PM. Covington County Forestry Committee Meeting at the Covington County Ag Center, 23952 Alabama Highway 55, Andalusia. For more information contact Charles Simon at (334) 222-1125.

June 1...Teleconference Noon CST. 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 voice concerns. Dial-in number: 1-866-299-7945 and Participant code: 2594#

June 5...Statewide Primary Elections

June 14...Baldwin County 8 AM - 3:30 PM. Smart-Map Workshop at the Gulf Coast Research and Extension Center, 8300 State Hwy 104, Fairhope. This workshop’s objectives are: Introduce user-friendly GIS apps and GPS for iPhone and iPad. Train attendees on using smart devices to collect GPS data in the field, Use GIS apps to develop maps, Demonstrate the capabilities of UAVs for collecting real-time imagery, and more. To register and watch a one minute video about the workshop visit www.alabamasmartmap.com Fee: $50. Email questions to smartmap@auburn.edu.

June 14...Shiloh, Tennessee 5:30 PM. Tennessee Forestry Association Regional Meeting at Hagy’s Catfish Hotel, 1140 Catfish Lane. Fee: $25. Contact Dana Howard at (615) 883-3832.

June 14-15...Autauga County. Forestry & Wildlife School for Landowners at the Autauga Ag Center, Autaugaville. Topics include: Forestry Herbicide Use, New Taxes on Timberland, Antler Scoring Methods, Sawtooth Oak Planting, and Wildlife Management. CFE units available. To register call Katherine at (205) 387-1879x3204.

June 20-21...Cleburne County. Educator Training for Project Learning Tree, Project Wild, and Project Wet at Cheaha State Park, 19644 Hwy 281, Delta. Fee: $170; some meals & lodging included. AFOA members may wish to alert any teachers who might be interested. Contact Rene Rainey at (256) 225-2188.

June 26-29...Greensboro, Georgia. National Conference of Private Forest Landowners at The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee, 1 Lake Oconee Trail. Fee: $750. Contact Forest Landowners Association at 1-800-325-2954.

Always Call Ahead to Confirm Program Details
“FIRST OF ALL, [begins Robbo Holleran in his article, Carbon Management in Forests, Sawmill & Woodlot, 2/18], the climate is changing. Any student of history will know it was quite a bit warmer during the Medieval Ages, when wine grapes were grown in northern Germany and Greenland was being settled by Vikings. The 1200s saw some cooling, and then we had the Little Ice Age from about 1550 to 1800. The last time the Thames River froze over was in 1804, and then we had the ‘year without a summer’ in 1816. It has been warming since, and most scientists agree that atmospheric carbon was not raised significantly until the 1940s or so. But we had warming in the 1920s and 1930s, cooling in the middle of the century, and we’ve all been made aware of recent increases. Experts warned of a coming ice age in the 1970s, global warming in the 1980s, and now they call it climate change since, well, the climate is changing.” We included Holleran’s discussion of changing climate to make sure you know that the Capital Ideas newsletter does not spend much time worrying about climate change or global warming or storing carbon to save the world. Our policy is and has been to remain skeptical of costly and unproven “solutions” to the “climate change problem.”

FACTS ABOUT WILDFIRES from David South, Emeritus Professor, Auburn University (The Journal of Forestry, 1/18):

Since 1824 there have been perhaps 11 wildfires that each totaled more than a million acres (in the lower 48 states). Nine of these events occurred in cooler climates before 1951.

The greatest area burned on record occurred in 1930 when more than 52 million acres burned in the United States. During the 1930s, the average area burned was more than 39 million acres. [Since 2000, the average area burned has been 6.7 million acres per year.]

South admonishes: “We should not assume that often-repeated claims made in newspapers are correct or that scary forecasts will be accurate.”