SEPTEMBER 2019

September 4-6...Baldwin County. Alabama Water Resources Conference & Symposium at Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 Perdido Beach Boulevard, Orange Beach. Fee: $350. For more information call Rachel at (334) 844-1163.

September 5...Walker County 9 - 10:30 AM. Forestry Planning Committee Meeting at 1501 North Airport Road, Jasper. Forest landowners are welcome to attend and participate. Contact Andrew Baril at (205) 388-6893.

September 5...Pontotoc, Mississippi 6 PM. Pontotoc County Forestry Association Meeting at the Pontotoc Extension Office. Topic: Invasive Species. Speaker: John Willis. To attend RSVP at (662) 489-3910. Editor’s Note: John Willis spoke at the 2019 AFOA Annual Meeting and his presentation on Managing Stands of Mixed Pine & Hardwoods is on the AFOA website (Video Meetings).

September 5...Clay County 6:30 PM. Managing Quail on Your Property at Miss Anita’s Café, Hwy 9 between Lineville and Ashland. To RSVP, call Josh at (256) 618-1149.

September 6...DeKalb County. Progressive Agriculture Safety Day (Kids Only) at Sylvania High School, Sylvania. 3rd grade students only. Contact Joey Haymon at (256) 638-5551.

September 6...Lexington, Mississippi 9 AM. Holmes County Forestry Association Meeting at Black Creek Outfitters, 2835 Bowling Green Road. Topics: Mature Hardwoods, New CREP Plantings, Native Grass Practices, and More. Call Betsy Padgett at (662) 834-2795.

September 6...Teleconference Noon CT. First Fridays Forestry Update hosted by the American Forest Foundation (AFF) is a conference call briefing on Washington, D.C. happenings and AFF lobbying activities. You’ll have an opportunity to ask questions and share your concerns. Dial-in number: 1-866-299-7945 and Participant code: 2594#

September 8-10...Baldwin County. Alabama Forestry Association Annual Meeting at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach. Fee: $495, Contact Liz Chambers at (334) 481-2135.

September 9...Lee County 8 AM - 4 PM. ForestHer Wildlife Management: A Workshop for Women Who Love the Land at the ALFA Building, 951 S. Donahue Drive, Auburn. This workshop for women will feature presentations about wildlife management in a relaxed, fun setting. Fee: $65, Contact Becky Barlow at (334) 844-1019.

September 10...Clay County 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Bats & Forest Workshop at the Cleburne Mountain Center, 6751 Highway 78, Helena. The workshop includes a field trip to the Shoal Creek Ranger District, Talladega National Forest. Fee: $10. For more information call Allison Cochran at (205) 489-6111.

September 10...Lee County 8 AM - 4 PM. ForestHer Pond Management: A Workshop for Women Who Love the Land at the ALFA Building, 951 S. Donahue Drive, Auburn. This workshop for women will feature presentations about pond management in a relaxed, fun setting. Fee: $65. Contact Becky Barlow at (334) 844-1019.

September 10...Athens, Georgia 8 AM. Upper Oconee Forests and Drinking Water Forum at Flinchum’s Phoenix, Whitehall Forest, 650 Phoenix Road. Lunch provided. Contact Cassidy Lord at (970) 201-2577. Editor’s note: Members who have attended similar events held by this group have reported concerns that the rights of forest owners might be forgotten in the sponsors’ zeal to protect water quality. If you attend, please send AFOA a brief report.

September 10...Columbia, South Carolina 9 AM - 3 PM ET: Pine Straw Workshop & Field Tour at Sandhill Research and Education Center, 900 Clemson Road, Columbia. The purpose of this workshop is to help landowners balance the income from harvesting operations while preserving desired wildlife and ecological functions. Fee: $20. For more information email ghollian@clemson.edu.

September 10...NATIONWIDE 10:00 AM Central Time. CAPITAL IDEAS - LIVE! 15-minute Telephone News Conference for Alabama Forest Owners. If you want to listen on your phone, call AFOA at (205) 624-2225 to register. Otherwise, listen later on the web.

September 10...Gulfport, Mississippi 5:30 PM. George County Pellet Mill Workshop at Lyman Community Center, 13472 Hwy 49, Mr. Rick Frederick, Enviva, will provide details on plans for the pellet mill. Fee: $10; dinner included. To register call the Harrison County Extension at (228) 865-4227.

September 11...Covington County 7:30 AM - 12 PM Noon. Fall Landowner Tour at 28420 Hilltop Lane, Andalusia. Topics: Hydro powered Ram Pump, Wildlife management, Forest management objectives, Beekeeping, and Farm pond management. Registration required. Lunch provided. Contact Covington County Extension at (334) 222-1125.

September 11...Walker County 8 AM - 3:30 PM. Forestry Planning Committee Meeting at the Wade Math & Science Building, 14th Street East, Jasper. Professional Loggers Management Workshop. Topics: Forest Taxes and Its Implications on Harvests, How Conservation Initiatives are Changing Eastern Forests, Wild Turkey Considerations in Forest Management, Best Management Practices (BMPs), and More. Forest landowners are welcome to attend and participate. Pre-registration is required. Call the Walker Soil/Water Conservation District at (205) 387-1879.

September 11...Mobile County 10 AM. Wills & Trusts: When, How, and Why? at Providence Hospital DePaul Center, 6801 Airport Boulevard, Mobile. This seminar addresses concerns about wills and trusts and answers difficult questions with serious legal consequences. To register, contact (251) 431-6014 or office@laddfirm.com.

September 12...Marengo County 9 AM - 3 PM. Getting the Most from Your Forestland at the Tutt Land Company and Alabama Whitetail Records Museum, 6352 2nd Ave., Thomaston. Topics may include: Forest and Economic Development, Timber Markets, Non-timber Income Production, Investing in a Consulting Forester, and More. To RSVP contact Christina at (334) 295-5959.

September 12...Cherokee County 9:30 AM. AFOA Forestry Field Day will meet at the Ellis Ag building, 7265 AL Hwy 9 South, Centre, AL. GPS Coord: 34.06761, -85.61279. We will caravan to the property at 10 AM, then return to the Ellis Ag building for a Dutch Treat lunch. Come meet with Consulting Forester Jason McGee. Topics: From Seedlings to Sawtimber - Reforestation process, Post planting activities, Mid-rotation management, and Selling your sawtimber to maximize your return. RSVP Pat Richeson at (205) 624-2225.

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STANDING TIMBER VALUES

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Pine Sawtimber — 15,000 lbs/1000 Board Feet (Scribner)

2nd Quarter, 2018 (2Q18) and 2nd Quarter, 2019 (2Q19)

FORESTLAND FOR SALE

- Dow-Jones Industrial Average: 26252.24
- 10-year Treasury yield: 1.61%
- Dollar: 106.44 Yen; Euro: $1.1082
- Oil: $55.35/barrel
- Gold: $1,497.30/troy ounce

Source: The Wall Street Journal, 08/23/19

NORTH AMERICAN softwood lumber capacity “projects to reach 72.9 billion board feet (BBFT); U.S. capacity grows to 43.5 BBFT; Canada shrinks to 29.4 BBFT.” Source: Q3 Forisk News, 8/12/19

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THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT of the U.S. is the largest lumber market in North America. There’s a significant timber resource in the region, and it’s a very friendly business environment relative to other regions in North America. … The programs that are available from the government on things like training are very supportive.” Source: Duncan Davies, CEO of Interfor (Canadian company investing in sawmills in the South), interviewed by Brady Hummel in Georgia Forestry, Summer 2019.

IT IS ESTIMATED that the truck driver shortage is resulting in a 10% to 15% loss of logging production currently. Multiple industries compete for drivers, and good, reliable trucking is expensive.” Source: The Forestry Source, August 2019.

REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS

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- Making Sense Out of Medicare alabamamedicareplans.com
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- Hubbard Hines Real Estate www.hubbardhinesrealestate.com
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- Scotch Land Management, LLC Fulton, AL (334)673-2128

POND MANAGEMENT

- Honey Hole Fisheries, RALPH, AL (205)333-9065
September 12...Crenshaw County 6:30 PM. Managing Family Forest for Future Return at the Tom Harbin Ag Center, 816 Airport Road, Luverne. Speaker: Dr. Adam Maggard, Auburn University. Meal included. To attend RSVP Crenshaw County Extension at (334) 335-6312.


September 16...Tuscaloosa County 8 AM. Alabama Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Re-certification Workshop at Alabama Fire College, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa. Fee: $100. Limited seating. For more info call Marti Davis at (334) 240-9332. Parking lot at the western end of the fire college facility; sign will be at the building where class will be held.

September 17...Lamar County 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM. Forestry Planning Committee Meeting at the Vernon City Complex. Topics: Timber Management, Best Management Practices (BMPs), Tree Seedlings, Services of Alabama Forestry Commission, and Pesticide Safety Videos. Fee: $15; lunch included. Call Cindy at (205) 695-7139.

September 17...Lauderdale County 9:30 AM. AFOA Forestry Field Day will meet at the Waterloo Boat Ramp (North Side) in Waterloo. GPS Coord: 34.91518; -88.05868. We will caravan to the property, take the tour, then caravan back to Oakland Café for a Dutch Treat lunch. Come meet with Consulting Forester Billy Rye. Topic: The Value of a Consulting Forester. What does a Consulting Forester do? How can a Consulting Forester be of value to me? RSVP Pat Richeson at (205) 624-9332. Parking lot at 11450 Three Covies Preserve.


September 17-19...Portland, Oregon. “Who Will Own The Forest?” and Forest Products Forum at World Forestry Center. Join the professionals as they discuss issues pertaining to the economy, forestland valuations, investing overseas, and emerging values such as carbon, biomass, and environmental cred-

FROM A PERSPECTIVE on destruction of homes in Western wildfires: “The lack of meaningful participation in requiring fire mitigation from policyholders means insurance companies are fueling the problem with unrealistically cheap fire insurance. Aided by an almost complete lack of meaningful fire ordinances and building codes West-wide, developers are building wherever they like, often in historically dangerous locations including red zones where fires are a certainty. As with flood insurance, taxpayers are subsidizing development in places where development would not make sense otherwise.” Source: National Woodlands, Summer 2019.

WILD GAME COOK-OFFS have been held around the state for 23 years by the Alabama Wildlife Federation. If you haven’t attended one, there are two listed in our Calendar of Events this month. See page 6, September 19 in Birmingham, and page 7, October 1 in Decatur. When you attend, you’ll find a dozen or so cooking teams eager to have you sample their specialties that might contain venison, duck, quail, and more. Bring your appetite.

McShan Lumber Company has had a presence in Alabama for decades. In fact, the company has been producing lumber for more than 100 years. Around 1907, Nathan McShan, built a rough sawmill and started producing lumber. Just a few short years later, Nathan’s brother, Tyler, purchased a plantation and began operating the sawmill that today is the current site of McShan Lumber Company.

A lot has changed at McShan Lumber over the last century—it’s now a high-tech sawmill that produces high-grade southern yellow pine. While the company purchases its wood locally—located just west of Tuscaloosa, many of its logs are sourced out of Mississippi—the company exports approximately 40% of its production, which is upwards of 40 million board feet per year. Two aspects of the company, however, that haven’t changed over time are the fact it’s a family company—the company is in its fifth generation of the family—and they are focused on sustainability.

“Everything that comes out of our mill is certified sustainable,” said Grover Allgood, vice president of procurement. “That’s important to us, as is the high quality. That’s what really sets our lumber apart.”
Safe Hunting Tips

from the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

Hunting in Alabama is a popular activity that provides an estimated 5.8 million man-days of recreation per year for approximately 360,000 hunters. Hunting is one of the safest outdoor-related activities. According to the National Safety Council's study of outdoor recreation-related injuries, sports such as football, baseball, soccer, and even billiards have a much higher incident rate than hunting.

During a recent Alabama hunting season, there were five firearms related hunting incidents per 100,000 licensed hunters. While this is an exceptional safety record, we should strive to eliminate or reduce this safety record. The Alabama hunting incident rate is very similar to the rate of other southeastern states with similar hunting seasons and bag limits.

Common Causes of Alabama Hunting Incidents

- Falling from Treestands
- Failure to identify your target
- Self-inflicted incidents

The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries recommends all hunters abide by the following basic hunter safety rules:

- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun.
- Be sure of your target and what is in front of it and beyond it.
- Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
- Wear a blaze orange cap or vest.
- Use a small flashlight during dim light conditions to identify yourself as a human being.

Falls from treestands are a leading cause of injuries for Alabama hunters. Please abide by the following treestand safety tips when using an elevated platform.

- Read and follow the manufacturer’s instructions prior to using an elevated platform.
- Inspect your stand and tree prior to each use.
- Always wear a fall restraint device anytime you are climbing, sitting, or descending from an elevated position.
- Always pull your gun or bow up with a pull up rope. Firearms should be unloaded, action open, and safety on.

Every hunter has an obligation to fulfill when they enter wildlife habitat to participate in our hunting heritage. The ethical code for hunters has been developed by America's hunters during the past century since the inception of modern wildlife management. Most sportsmen agree that every responsible hunter should do the following:

- Respect the landowner and his/her property
- Show respect to other hunters and non-hunters
- Give respect to the wildlife and its habitat
- Follow all state laws and regulations
- Use equipment adequate for the game being hunted and be proficient with that equipment.

Alabama Sportsman's Pledge

I pledge to conduct myself as a true sportsman and will always:
1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun
2. Always point my gun in a safe direction
3. Be sure of my target before I shoot
4. Never put a loaded gun in or on an automobile
5. Always respect the landowner and his/her property and be considerate of other hunters.
Leaving the woods on a pretty day
By Curtis Seltzer 10/24/2013

BLUE GRASS, Va.—I was cutting firewood on a shirt-off -warm, sunny afternoon last week when a breeze came up, and the saw ran out of gas. I flipped up my hearing protectors and took off my helmet.

Suddenly, the quiet in the fall hardwoods took over. No heard voices. No teenage boys roaming from no place to no place in souped-up trucks. No dogs barking out of boredom.

And then the gently persistent wind severed the ash leaves -- just the ash leaves -- all at once. They drifted in a slow-motion shower of golden petals, pitter-pattering as they landed like a soft rain.

You had to be there right then, at that moment. A few minutes on either side, and it would have been done without witness.

It was the right time for me to quit making noise.

I also wondered about the fair market value of that moment, as well as what I had paid.

Some people don’t like fall because they associate it with the pending “death” of their flowers and gardens.

Trees are not dying in the fall, and they don’t expire in the winter. They go to sleep. One year is their rough equivalent to one of our days; their winter is our night.

Because trees grow and age so slowly, it’s hard to imagine them 100 years ahead. Today’s one-inch-wide sugar maple sapling should be about 25 times wider and 75+ feet tall in 2113. Multiply a variant of that growth rate by every surviving tree in the forest.

If I had stood on this ground 100 years ago, I could not have imagined the subsequent changes. Perhaps one third of the trees then were chestnut, some four-feet wide—all gone to blight in the 20s and 30s. The hemlock—about half of them killed by the woolly adelgid. Today—more roads; more raptors; more deer; more bears; fewer pit vipers; same number of rocks.

Who in 1913 could have predicted the wars, television, computers, vaccines, vehicles and changes in politics and attitudes that would ensue? Women would get the vote; segregation would be outlawed; ethnic jokes would learn to stay within ethnic groups. Who can predict what things will look like 100 years hence?

What a great-great grandchild will see then in these woods is not what I see now, but no one will notice the woods—change from year to year. This is a savings account that grows at about 0.25 percent annually over a century. Patience is rewarded by the power of a relentless creep.

I’m always tickled by conservation easements that try to freeze forever the woods an owner sees today. Woods are not static and can’t be made so by a document in a courthouse. Trees reproduce, get bigger, die, lose branches and fall over. Think of a painting that is added to and subtracted from imperceptibly—a touch here an erasure there every year.

An “old-growth” hardwood forest of 100- to 200-year-old trees would have the same kind of geriatric issues that would be found in a group of 100-year-old humans. Both are susceptible to disease, illness and breakage.

As the giants die, fall over and decay, sprouts, saplings and young trees mix in where space has opened. I’ve hiked through a patch of 300-year-old hardwood forest. The size of the battered survivors inspires awe but not more than that inspired by the wreckage and upheaval on the ground.

Trees are designed to reproduce themselves. If a tree’s seeds don’t germinate, it leaves nothing of itself except nutritious rot.

Humans, however, can take an heirless tree -- even a dead one -- and fashion it into objects that can last for millennia. No other species has learned to perform this trick.

Like apes and elephants, humans have few offspring but spend much effort, often decades and even lifetimes nurturing them—or at least being in occasional email contact.

Humans leave behind offspring, more often than not.

And then we leave them our things—genes, ideas, music, art, objects, money, property, writings, photographs, financial records, books, debts, memories, mittens, mistakes and hard feelings, to name just a few.

Of these, we have no say over what will be valued, overvalued and undervalued; what will be pitched; what will be ignored; and what will be misinterpreted.

Just what is the value to a child of a described moment in the woods?

I have a couple of pots and a clay lamb that my mother sculpted in high school during The Depression. I also have two sweaters and a ring she made for me, and a pair of argyle socks she knitted for my father who I suspect was afraid both to wear them and not wear them.

I have a book that a great grandfather wrote in a language I can’t read, speak or understand. My grandmother referred to him as “The Tyrant,” so I’m not inclined to find out what he had to say.

Anyway, I think it’s important to leave children something you made from scratch, apart from things you did. They prove that you once made something tangible from nothing. I’m not sure why this might matter, but I don’t think it can hurt.

Trees, turned into paper, used to be the medium for passing down ideas whatever their merit. Now, increasingly, it’s pixels, electrons and code.

It’s not the same, not as good.

Computer programs can represent what ash leaves falling in an October woods look like and sound like. But we should resist having programs that make it feel the same.

A moment like this is worth passing along.
Did you know AFOA’s Hunting Lease Liability Insurance may be used to cover leases to mountain bike clubs?

Give your answer(s) at http://bit.ly/201909QM

In December we’ll give an AFOA cap to one participant from our 2019 Questions.

“A class on what to include in preparing a timber cutting contract,” was one of the suggestions to last month’s question: What topic(s) would be most likely to cause you to attend the 2020 AFOA Annual Meeting in Tuscaloosa?

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its. Fee: $2,400. Contact Sara Wu at (503) 228-1367.

September 17-20...Tuscaloosa County. Alabama Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Certification Course at Alabama Fire College, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa. Fee: $150. Limited seating. For more information call Marti Davis at (334) 240-9332. Parking lot at the western end of the fire college facility; sign will be at the building where class will be held.

September 18...Dale County. Alabama Tor- 

toise Alliance at Hoppergrass Restaurant, Ozark. Fee: $20; lunch included. Contact Ericha Nix at (334) 242-3469.

September 18...Baldwin County 9:30 AM. 

Landowner Tour at Confederate Conservation 

Bluff, 41241 County Road 86, Bay Minette. Topics: Management Goals, Aerial Drone 

Mapping for Forest Landowners, Certifications, 

Prescribed Burning for Longleaf Quail Initiative, and Financial Assistance. To 

register, contact Richard Fields at richard.fields@forestry.alabama.gov.

September 19...McAlpin, Florida 9 AM ET. 

Landowner Tour at RFM Farms. Attendees 

will meet at the McGaranahan’s “Cookshack” off of 184th Street. The landowner’s primary management objectives are timber produc- 

tion, grazing, and wildlife management. Some walking so dress accordingly. Fee: $15; lunch included. Contact Chris Demers at (352) 846-2375.

September 19...Calhoun County 9:45 AM - 

12:45 PM. Forestry and Wildlife Conservation 

Workshop at the Oxford Civic Center, Room 

200, 401 McCullars Lane, Oxford. Topics: 

Wildlife Planning for Your Property, Conserva- 

tion Programs, and Forestry Management 

Planning. Lunch provided. RSVP at (256) 835 

-7821 or calhounswcd@gmail.com.

September 19...Dale County 5 - 8:30 PM. 

Landowner Workshop at the Hoppergrass 

Restaurant, 129 East Avenue N., Ozark. Top- 

ics: Managing Timber to Markets, Aerial 

Drone Mapping, Feral Hog Control, and Finan- 

cial Assistance. Contact Andrew Green at 

(334) 774-4749x3.

September 19...Jefferson County 6 PM. 

Wild Game Cook-Off at the Birmingham Zoo, 2630 

Cahaba Road, Birmingham. Attend the cook- 

off and enjoy live music, door prizes, youth 

activities, and sample wild game recipes. Fee: 

$50; $10 discount if paid in advance. Youth 

15 and under free. Call the Alabama Wildlife 

Federation at (334) 285-4550.

September 20...Macon County 7:30 AM - 

4:30 PM. Integrated Approach for Managing 

Diseases and Parasites in Small Ruminants— 

Role of Browse at 102 Mary Starke Harper 

Hall & CAENS Research and Demonstration 

Facility, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL 

36088. Fee: $30; $5 discount if paid by Sep- 

tember 6. Register online or contact Dr. Uma 

Karki at (334) 727-8336.

September 20...Vaiden, Mississippi 8:30 AM - 

2:15 PM. Game Camera Surveys and Forest 

Management for White-tailed Deer at Car- 

mack Fish House, 24973 Hwy 35 N. Fee: 

$15; lunch provided. Call Taylor Casey at 

(662) 289-5431.

September 20-22...Shelby County. Outdoor 

Alabama Experience at Oak Mountain State 

Park in Pelham. This family-oriented work- 

shop features hands-on learning about camp- 

ing, hiking, biking, wildlife watching, shooting 

sports, fishing, hunting, kayaking, and more! 

All activities you might do on your forestland. 

Staff will be available to help with campsite 

setup for new campers. Fee: $100 per 2 

family members plus $25 per additional fami-

ly member. Includes all meals. For more 

information contact Emily at (334) 201-9967.

September 21...Conocoah County 8:30 AM - 

2 PM. Field Day at Saloom Properties, 2835 

Booker Mill Road, Evergreen. Come learn 

about opportunities to improve your forest 

management. The field day will feature: Tim- 

ber Industry Experts, Sawmill Demo, Chain-

saw sculptor, From Sawn Logs to Furniture, 

and more. Limited to 1st 50 participants. To 

register visit www.conoehswcd.com.

September 24...Russell County 6 PM. Forest-

workshop and Dinner at The Old Seale 

Russell County Courthouse, 91 Longview 

Street, Seale. Fee: $10. Contact Jennifer 

Davidson at (334) 298-6845.

September 24-26...Cleburne County. Long- 

leaf Academy: Understory Diversity U201 

at Talladega Mountains Natural Resource 

Center, 6751 AL-4, Heflin. The workshop will 

focus on the study of native plant identifica-

tion, ecological functions of groundcover, 

understory restoration techniques, and man- 

agement methods. Fee: $200; lunch includ- 

ed. Pre-registration is required. Contact 

Casy White at (334) 427-1029.

September 24-26...Starkville, Mississippi. 

Prescribed Burning Short Course at Hilton 

Garden Inn, 975 Highway 12 East. The 

course is open to the public and designed for 

anyone wishing to become a Certified Pre-

scribed Burn Manager in Mississippi. Pre- 

scribed burning is one of the most efficient 

and cost-effective tools available to foresters 

and landowners in the Southeast for under-

story management, fuel reduction, site prepa-

ration, wildfire risk reduction, and wildlife 

management. Fees: $250, $150 for Alabama 

Certified Prescribed Burn Manager candidates 

and $150 for Certified Prescribed Burn Manager candidates. Contact 

Dr. Uma Karki at (334) 727-8336.

September 24-26...Cullman County. 

Honoring the Past, Looking to the Future 

at the 2019 Questions. For more information 

visit the Alabama Forestry Association website at www.alfa.org.

September 24-26...Baldwin County. 

Prescribed Burning Workshop at the 

Confederate Conservation Workshop at the 

Hilton Garden Inn, 975 Highway 12 East. 

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and landowners in the Southeast for under-

story management, fuel reduction, site prepa-

ration, wildfire risk reduction, and wildfire 

management. Fees: $250, $150 for Alabama 

Certified Prescribed Burn Manager candidates 

and $150 for Certified Prescribed Burn Manager candidates. Contact 

Dr. Uma Karki at (334) 727-8336.

September 24-26...Cleburne County. Long- 

leaf Academy: Understory Diversity U201 

at Talladega Mountains Natural Resource 

Center, 6751 AL-4, Heflin. The workshop will 

focus on the study of native plant identifica-

tion, ecological functions of groundcover, 

understory restoration techniques, and man- 

agement methods. Fee: $200; lunch includ- 

ed. Pre-registration is required. Contact 

Casy White at (334) 427-1029.

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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

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

1 YEAR
[ ] Regular Member - Bulk Rate Postage $17
[ ] Regular Member - 1st Class Postage $29
[ ] Sustaining Member - 1st Class Postage $170

2 YEARS
[ ] Regular Member - Bulk Rate Postage $33
[ ] Regular Member - 1st Class Postage $57
[ ] Sustaining Member - 1st Class Postage $340

3 YEARS
[ ] Regular Member - Bulk Rate Postage $49
[ ] Regular Member - 1st Class Postage $85
[ ] Sustaining Member - 1st Class Postage $510

* This service is for landowners only. Hunters may only use the hunting lease liability insurance policy under the membership of a landowner.

(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.

SEND APPLICATION & PAYMENT TO:
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P. O. Box 361434
Birmingham, AL 35236

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CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) in white-tailed deer has now spread to 6 central and north Mississippi counties, according to the August issue of Hancock/Harrison County Forestry & Wildlife Association Newsletter. “How deer get infected isn’t precisely known, but is likely through indirect contact through feces, urine, or saliva. As such, activities that concentrate deer [such as feed or baiting] are thought to increase the chance of CWD infections.”

NEW ATV TIRES AVAILABLE. David Slonaker, an AFOA member in Georgia, bought bigger tires for his new Polaris 4-wheeler and wants to sell the tires that came with the ATV: Two 24x8-12 and two 24x10-12 Polaris by Wan-da, 6 ply. $244 for set of 4. Call him at (706) 569-6105. The tire photo is not a picture of David’s tires.

“LONGLEAF PINE STRAW is the preferred straw for landscaping because it has longer needles and fewer cones. Pine straw sales can bring landowners opportunity for an early return on their investment.” Source: Progressive Farmer, August 2019.

THE NEW FUEL TAX begins this month. The fuel tax had been 21 cents per gallon. The new tax will be imposed in phases. This year: 6 cents, 2020: 2 cents, and 2021: 2 cents. The state will receive 66% of the tax, the counties 25% and cities 8%. Half of the county money will be distributed equally among the counties, the other half will be distributed based on population size.

“DUBBED BY MANY ‘AMERICA’S AMAZON,’ the Geological Survey of Alabama found that Alabama contains 10% of the freshwater resources in the continental United States. Alabama has more than 132,000 miles of creeks, streams, and rivers flowing through the state. Alabama ranks first in fish diversity, with 332 species of freshwater fish… Alabama is home to 61% of mussels, 57% of freshwater turtles, 28% of freshwater snails, and 27% of fish species found in the United States. Alabama also contains 97 different types of freshwater crayfish, more than any other state.” Source: Alabama Wildlife, Summer 2019.

A TRIBUTE AND A WISH by the author of Deep River, Karl Marlantes: “I want to acknowledge my great debt to and my gratitude for my grandparents, as well as my great-uncles and great-aunts, all immigrants to the Lower Columbia region. They were loggers, fishermen, farmers, cannery workers, and hard-working and loving wives and mothers. I learned much working beside them in my childhood. I only wish I’d appreciated it back then as I do now.” Hardcover, $21.43 on Amazon.com.

FREQUENT PRESCRIBED FIRES Can Reduce Risk of Tick-borne Diseases by Gleim, Zemtsova, Berghaus, Levin, Conner & Yabsley … “exciting implications for public health as it appears that prescribed fire, when performed on a regular basis significantly reduces encounter rates with ticks infected with pathogenic bacteria.”