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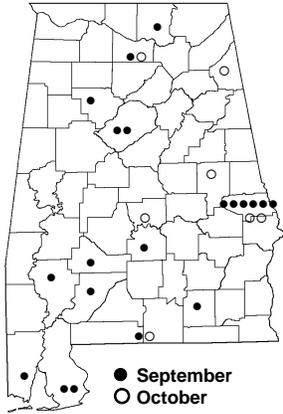
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 2012

September 4...Lee County 8 AM - 4:15 PM. **Alabama Prescribed Fire Council Annual Meeting** at School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences. Contact [Daryl Lawson](#) at (256) 372-8287.

September 5...Lee County. **Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Re-certification Workshop** at School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences. Registration required. Contact [Kent Hanby](#) at (256) 825-8593.

September 5-6...Sandestin, Florida. **Florida Forestry Association Annual Meeting** at Baytowne. Fee: \$325. Contact [Jeff Doran](#) at (850) 222-5646.

September 5-7...Baldwin County. **Alabama Water Resources Conference** at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach. Fee: \$320. Call [Zhen Feng](#) at (334) 844-5609.

September 6...Coffee County 8:30 AM - 3 PM. **Forestry Invasive Plants Identification and Control** at New Brockton Farm Center Community Room. Call (334) 894-5596.

September 6...Mobile County 5:30 PM - 9 PM. **Managing Wild Pig Damage** at Jon Archer Agricultural Center, Mobile. Fee: \$10. [Online registration only](#). Contact [Kelly Knowles](#) at (334) 844-1010.

September 7...Statewide. **Last Day to Register to Vote on September 18 Constitutional Amendment Referendum**.

September 7...Lexington, Mississippi 8:30 AM - 2 PM. **Ties to the Land: Your Family Forest Heritage** at Gladys's Restaurant. Fee: \$50; lunch included. Call [Jason Gordon](#) at (662) 226-6000.

September 9-11...Baldwin County. **Annual Meeting of the Alabama Forestry Association** at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach. Fee: \$450. Contact [Fran Whitaker](#) at (334) 481-2127.

September 11...Clarke County 8:30 AM - 3 PM. **GPS 101: Technology for Better Land Management** at Alabama Tombigbee Room, Alabama Southern Community College, Thomasville. Fee:

\$30; lunch included. Contact [Beau Brodbeck](#) at (251) 259-6507.

September 12...Webinar Noon CT. **The Family Business Strategic Advantage: Preservation and Passing of Entrepreneurial Passion**. presented by The Family Business Advisor. Fee: \$159 per phone. Call [Carol](#) at (773) 572-6432.

September 12 & 13...Tifton, Georgia. **Prescribed Fire Certification** at Rural Development Center. Fee: \$100. Contact [Renae Woods](#) at (229) 386-5993.

September 13...Statewide. **Deadline to Apply for Absentee Ballot for September 18 Constitutional Amendment Referendum**.

September 13...Ashland, Mississippi 9 AM - 3:30 PM. **Having Your Timber and Wildlife Too** at Benton County AgrCenter. Fee: \$35; lunch included. Call [John Kushla](#) at (662) 566-2201.

September 13...Monroe County 5:30 PM - 9 PM. **Managing Wild Pig Damage** at USDA Service Center, Monroeville. Fee: \$10. [Online registration only](#). Contact [Kelly Knowles](#) at (334) 844-1010.

September 14...Lee County 8:00 AM—Noon. **Silvics: The Forgotten Art of Forestry** at School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences. Instructors: Dr. John Kush, Mr. John Gilbert, Dr. Rebecca Barlow. Fee: \$130 (series discounts avail.) with tailgate BBQ wrap-up. This course is part of 6-part [Forestry & Football Series](#). Contact [Kelly Knowles](#) at (334) 844-1010.

September 15...Morgan County 9 AM - 3 PM. **Deer & Turkey Management** at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, Decatur. Fee: \$20; lunch included. Contact [Spenser Bradley](#) at (256) 303-4924.

September 17-18...Escambia County. **Converting Mixed Stand to Longleaf Pine: Not Just Clearcutting** at Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center, Dixie. Fee: \$250. For details, contact [Kelly Knowles](#) at (334) 844-1010.

September 18...Statewide. **Constitutional Amendment Referendum** to take \$400+ million from the Alabama Trust Fund (ATF) for general fund budget, change the method for determining ATF earnings, and stop flow of about 50% of current oil & gas income from entering the ATF. *Editor's note: Forestry advocates have received veiled threats to not oppose this amendment.*

September 18...Starkville, Mississippi. **Intro to GPS using Solo Forest**. Learn to collect points, lines, and areas and determine accurate acres under the toughest canopies; use photos and topography in the field; create cruise grids; navigate to cruise plots; input survey data and navigate to corners; heads-up digitize in the field; and make simple Geographic Information Systems (GIS) maps. Fee: \$225. Contact [Johnny Thompson](#) at 1-866-395-5440.

September 18...Athens, Georgia 8 AM - 5 PM ET. **Forestry for Non-Foresters**

Part I at Flinchum's Phoenix, Whitehall Forest. "...course will be useful for landowners and those who work with foresters and the forest industry..." Fee: \$210. Lunch provided. **Part II is Sept. 19-20**. Contact [Ingvar Elle](#) at (706) 583-0566.

September 18-20...Memphis, Tennessee. **National Small Farm Conference** at Cook Convention Center. Fee: \$345. Contact [Linda Buchanan](#) at (615) 963-1827.

September 18-20...Portland, Oregon. **"Who Will Own The Forest?"** 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 enviro credits. Fee: \$1080. Call (503) 228-1367.

September 19...Starkville, Mississippi. **Intro to TCruise**. This class is primarily for foresters. Fee: \$225. Contact [Johnny Thompson](#) at 1-866-395-5440.

September 19...Athens, Georgia 8 AM - 12:15 PM ET. **Forests and Hurricanes: Impacts and Planning Considerations** at Warnell School of Forestry, Room 4-516. Fee: \$120. Contact [Ingvar Elle](#) at (706) 583-0566.

September 19...NATIONWIDE 10:00 AM (CT). **CAPITAL IDEAS - LIVE! 30-minute Telephone News Conference for Alabama Forest Owners**. No Fee. Listen on your phone or later on the web. Call AFOA to register: (205) 987-8811.

September 19-20...Athens, Georgia. **Forestry for Non-Foresters Part II**. Fee: \$345. Lunch provided. See Sept. 18, Athens, for more details.

September 20...Griffin, Georgia. **Agroforestry and Wildlife Field Day** at Westbrook Research Farm on Ellis Road, University of Georgia Griffin Campus. Fee: \$35; \$10 discount if paid by 9/3. Lunch included. Call the Office of Continuing Education at (770) 229-3477.

September 20...Batesville, Mississippi 8:30 AM - 2 PM. **Are My Pines Ready To Thin? Workshop** at Extension Building. Fee: \$20; lunch included. Call [Jason Gordon](#) at (662) 226-6000.

September 20...Jefferson County 6 PM. **Capital Ideas - Live! Dinner and Discussion**. Location: Chris' BBQ & Grill, 2409 Acton Road, Suite 153, Vestavia. Come enjoy a Dutch Treat dinner, listen to AFOA's September News Conference, and argue about the issues with other landowners. Dinner at 6 PM with 30 minute program starting about 6:45 PM. Limited seating. To attend, RSVP AFOA at (205) 987-8811.

September 20...Jefferson County 6 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at Birmingham Zoo. Attend the cook-off and enjoy live music, door prizes, youth activities, and sample some wild game dishes. Fee: \$50; \$10 discount if paid prior to event. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at 1-800-822-9453.

September 20-21...Fayette County. **Forestry Continuing Education Class** at Beville State Community College, Fayette. This class is for foresters, but others may find some of the topics useful. Fee: \$245; \$20 discount if paid by September 1. Call [Jimmy Sims](#) at (205) 932-4335.

September 21...Lee County 8:00 AM—Noon. **Introduction to Woodland Management**. See Sept. 14, Lee County, for details.

September 21-22...Oak Ridge, Tennessee. **Tennessee Tree Farmers Annual Workshop**. Dinner and Field Day. Contact [Dana Howard](#) at (615) 883-3832.

September 25...Lee County 11 AM - 1 PM. **Unified Theory of Climate** at School of Forestry and Wildlife Science, Rm 1101. Speaker: Dr. Ned Nikolov. Contact [David South](#) at (334) 844-1022.

September 26...Walker County 8:30 AM - 2 PM. **Estate Planning Workshop** at Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Jasper. Speakers: Dr. Robert Tufts, Auburn University and Andy Baril, Alabama Cooperative Extension Service. Registration required. Call [Katherine](#) at (205) 387-1879.

September 26-27...Madison County. **Clear Water Alabama Seminar and Field Day** at Holiday Inn Research Park,

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STANDING TIMBER VALUES				
PINE	Sawtimber		Power Poles	
	\$ per ton		\$ per ton	
Alabama	2Q11	2Q12	2Q11	2Q12
North	21.43	24.56	42.05	51.77
South	25.75	27.46	54.72	53.52
Average	23.59	26.01	48.38	52.64

Pine Sawtimber — 15,000 lbs./1000 Board Feet (Scribner)
 2nd Quarter, 2011 (2Q11) and 2nd Quarter, 2012 (2Q12)
 from Timber Mart-South, University of Georgia.
★For Timber Mart-South subscription details, call (706) 542-4756 or visit www.tmart-south.com M3 09/2012

STOCK MARKET REPORT		
Company Name	Price Per Share	
	08/15/11	08/15/12
MeadWestvaco (MWV)	27.86	28.22
Plum Creek Timber (PCL) REIT	36.72	40.20
Potlatch (PCH) REIT	34.09	34.70
Rayonier (RYN) * REIT	59.61	47.61
Weyerhaeuser Co. (WY) REIT	17.22	23.86

Stock Market Report courtesy of Howard Sokol, Raymond James Financial Services, Birmingham, Alabama.
 *Rayonier had a 3 for 2 stock split effective August 10, 2011

LUMBER & SHEATHING PRICES		
Source: Random Lengths	08/17/11	08/22/12
MidWeek Market Report		
2 x 4 lumber *	\$230	\$315
7/16" Oriented Strand Board **	\$195	\$347

* 2x4 #2&Btr KD Western S-P-F (mill base price) (per 1000 board feet)
 ** 7/16" OSB (North Central) (f.o.b. mill prices) (per 1000 square feet)

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49 acres in Perry County on Co. Rd. 29 in Marion. County water, power service, and painted property lines. Mature Pine and Hardwood Timber. 4 game food plots. \$98,000. Call Jerry Lavender at (334-507-0479). (089116)

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71.6 acres in Etowah County. 30 acre tract & 41.6 acre tract. Both have road frontage, mature hardwoods/15 year old natural pines, and abundant wildlife. \$2,000/acre. Call Carl Shory at (205) 620-0560. (013604)

Forestland For Sale

7,180± acres in Baldwin County
 Ben May Tract, bids Oct. 10

5,207± acres in Dallas County
 Portland Landing Tract, bids Sept. 19

For more info call (205) 320-7101.

- Dow-Jones Industrial Average: 13,057.46
 - 10-year Treasury yield: 1.671%
 - Dollar: 78.49 Yen; Euro: \$1.2564
 - Oil: \$96.27/barrel
 - Gold: \$1,669.60/troy ounce
- Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, 8/24/12

HEADLINES:

- **Economic Recovery is Weakest Since World War II**, *Associated Press*, Aug. 15, 2012
- **Early figures say numbers of hunters, fishermen increasing in the U.S.**, *The Birmingham News*, August 19, 2012
- **Recession imminent if 'fiscal cliff' of tax hikes, budget cuts not averted, CBO says**, *The Washington Post*, August 22, 2012

A RECENT MSU STUDY indicated that "sawtimber regimes are financially better than pulpwood regimes even at today's depressed sawtimber prices where relative pulpwood prices exceed 30 percent of sawtimber prices. Indeed, relative pulpwood prices would have to increase substantially to 44 percent to 84 percent of sawtimber prices." Source: *Tree Talk*, Summer 2012.

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WASHINGTON RESOURCE REPORT — USA

Month Ending 08/20/12

Certified Wood: In news from the State Foresters, Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal has formally recognized the benefits of using certified sustainable wood in green buildings in an Executive Order. The order promotes the use of green building standards in Georgia's state buildings, encourages the use of wood as a green material and promotes equal recognition for all forest certification programs when following green building standards. The American Tree Farm System applauded the Governor's actions. The Sustainable Forestry Initiative also congratulated the Governor for this step. Note that the LEED green building standard, that has been adopted by the federal government, allows only FSC certified wood to be used for their purposes.

Spotted Owl: Decades after federal agencies cordoned off millions of acres of Pacific Northwest forests to protect old-growth trees - the spotted owl's favored habitat - the bird is as imperiled as ever. While clearcuts were said to be the historic culprit, biologists, loggers and policymakers are now pointing the finger at the owl's larger cousin, the barred owl, a more aggressive species that migrated west in the late 1950s and has spread south from British Columbia into Washington, Oregon and California as a force in displacing the spotted owl. As debate rages over an Obama administration plan to roughly double the spotted owl's critical habitat - further restricting logging, critics charge - federal biologists have quietly acknowledged that the barred owl now appears to be the biggest threat to the native owl.

Markets: The West Coast's timber industry is on the rise after years of slowdowns in the logging industry, helping to boost the economies of rural towns hit hard by the recession. In California, timber harvests and revenue have risen for the third straight year, with harvests up by 20 percent or more and revenue growing by a higher margin. The logging rebound is also boosting the timber industry in Oregon and Washington. The industry is tied closely to the housing market. After the housing bust, demand and prices for redwood, fir and other softwoods used in construction stopped. Part of the recovery is due to steady overseas demand, which doubled from 2008 to 2011, though it is unclear how long that will last, analysts say. Indeed, the environmental restrictions of the 1990s resulted in production cutbacks and industry complaints about what it calls overly aggressive restrictions. California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) is backing legislation that relaxes certain logging regulations and reduces timber companies' financial liability for forest fires.

Energy Pellets: Data obtained from a recent survey indicates that in 2011 Canada and the U.S. exported 2 million tons of wood pellets (WP) to Europe and the Pacific Rim. And by 2017, exports are expected to increase to 10.4 million tons, 5.6 million tons of which is expected to be shipped from the U.S. Based on current WP plant installed-capacity in the Southeast U.S., it seems reasonable to conclude that the annual demand for WP in the EU will reach 5.6 million tons in 5-years time and could be met from U.S. WP plants in the Southeast.

Canadian Lumber: Canada and Mexico were recently invited by the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to join the Trans-

Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations. Canada's formal participation in the final TPP agreement significantly increases the importance of the outcome of these trade agreement negotiations for the U.S. forestry industry. Although most U.S. free trade agreements allow for the continued application of national antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) laws to imports from partner countries, NAFTA is the glaring exception. NAFTA's Chapter 19 requires parties to bring antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings in front of a binational review panel instead of using the trade remedy process that is otherwise available to American businesses suffering from unfair trade practices. Concerned forest sector representatives have urged the Administration to use the TPP negotiations as an opportunity to correct the Chapter 19 disparity and apply our AD and CVD laws equally to all of our trading partners, including Canada and Mexico. Ensuring that all of our trading partners are subject to U.S. domestic trade laws is critical for the U.S. forestry sector.

Carbon Trading: Long Beach, CA may boost its dwindling revenue base by maintaining its 393,000-tree urban forest and selling carbon credits for the amount of greenhouse gases they sequester. The proposal is sponsored by Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske, who says the city could use revenue generated from the sale of the permits to cover tree maintenance without tapping into the city's budget.

Global Warming: Funded by the conservative Kochs, Richard Muller's conversion is complete. The University of California, Berkeley, physicist once doubted the existence of climate change. Now he is convinced it's not only real but man-made, based on the latest results from his controversial review of temperature records. "Call me a converted skeptic," Muller wrote in an op-ed recently published in The New York Times. According to his Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature project, the average temperature on land has risen 1.5 degrees Celsius -- roughly 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit -- since 1753. That warming has tracked closely with the rise in greenhouse gas emissions from human activities, with little apparent contribution from natural factors like changes in solar activity, the group's latest paper concludes.

Clean Water Act Double Regulation: A new permitting regime that went into place last fall for spraying pesticides over water hasn't posed problems for chemical users, an EPA official says. While pesticide users in six states are required to apply for a general permit, the agency has so far seen only 271 operators go beyond that and file notices that they intend to discharge into certain sensitive areas or above certain thresholds. The agency expects that of those, only about 160 users will have to comply with a requirement to submit an annual report to EPA detailing pesticide use. The process to submit an NOI, or notice of intent to discharge, has taken less than two hours per permit, said Deborah Nagle, head of EPA's water permits division. You may recall that this new permitting requirement is a duplication of existing permit requirements for forest operators.

Don't forget forest industry

The recent announcement that Airbus would build a \$600 million aircraft assembly plant at the Brookley Aeroplex in Mobile was indeed great news. The big European aircraft company will employ 1,000 workers at full capacity and is slated to deliver its first airplanes in 2016.

As glad as we are to see one of the major aircraft companies in the world locating in our state, we hope that the state and local officials who are doing a great job recruiting new industry to Alabama don't lose sight of Alabama's existing industries, including ours.

Despite the depressed forestry economy, Alabama's forest industry has been and remains a major engine driving Alabama's economy.

There are some 670 forest products manufacturing operations in Alabama — at least one in every county. There are 100 sawmills, 17 pulp and paper mills, 26 veneer and/or panel plants, and approximately 500 secondary wood processing operations.

This makes forest products the second largest manufacturing industry in Alabama, producing \$12.78 billion in 2010 with value-added of some \$6.45 billion. In fact, forestry produces 12.3 percent of the value of all manufacturing in Alabama and is 9 percent of the state's GDP.

What does this look like on paper?

Jobs — direct 46,800; payroll \$1.69 billion (second largest manufacturing payroll). Some 18 percent of all manufacturing jobs are forestry-related. The industry also produces 102,000 indirect jobs. This means that 7 percent of all Alabamians are directly or indirectly employed in forest related jobs. Forestry also produces 8 percent of all Alabama exports.

In fact, the forest products industry is second to none when it comes to recycling dollars through Alabama's economy. Consider this example. One east Alabama plant produces packaging for customers throughout the Southeast. That plant employs Alabama workers and uses paper produced by an Alabama mill. That mill's Alabama workers use trees delivered by Alabama truckers, harvested by Alabama loggers that are grown by Alabama landowners. Notice any common theme here?

As I stated at the beginning, it is great that Airbus is investing \$600 million in our state. But over the last 20 years, the forest industry has averaged \$400 million per year in new plants, expansions, and modernizations. That's a 20-year total of \$8 billion, with a B.

Even in the middle of one of the worst forestry economies in modern times, in 2011 there were 24 announcements of new and expanding forestry businesses with a capital investment of \$161.3 million and 566 new jobs.

So, while we celebrate this recent huge announcement for Mobile, we trust that state and local leaders will not forget that our industry and many others have been producing and maintaining jobs for our great state for many, many years.

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Huntsville. Fee: \$195; \$25 discount if you pre-register. Lunch provided. Call Earl Norton at (334) 728-4107.

September 27...Wilcox County. **Progressive Agriculture Safety Day (Kids Only)** at JE Hobbs, Camden. Call Pam Stenz at (334) 682-4289.

September 27...Belden, Mississippi 8 AM - 4 PM. **Income Taxes And The Family Forest** at Itawamba Community College. Fee: \$35; lunch included. Call John Kushla at (662) 566-2201.

September 27...Lowndes County 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. **Advanced Hardwood Management Workshop** at Southern Sportsman Hunting Lodge, Tyler. Fee: \$30; lunch included. Contact [Patrick Cook](#) at (334) 850-6837.

September 27...Baker, Florida 9 AM - 2 PM CT. **Timberland Security for Landowners** at Gum Creek Lodge. Workshop will help you be more aware of security risks and take steps to minimize them. Fee: \$10; lunch included. Contact [Chris Demers](#) at (352) 846-2375.

September 27...Webinar 1 PM CT. **Basics of Estate Planning and the Tools Available for Family Forests.** Presenter: Dr. Tamara Cushing, Clemson University. Registration required. Contact American Tree Farm System at webinars@forestfoundation.org.

September 28...Kosciusko, Mississippi 8:30 AM - 4 PM. **Income Taxes And The Family Forest** at Attala County Extension Office. Fee: \$35; lunch included. Call John Kushla at (662) 566-2201.

September 29...Capps, Florida 8 AM - 12:30 PM ET. **Florida-Georgia Game Management Update: Duck and Dove Field Day** at Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center. Fee: \$20. Contact [Jed Dillard](#) at (850) 342-3483.

September 29...Gainesville, Florida 9 AM - 3 PM ET. **Wild Game Processing: From Field to Table** at University of Florida Meat Processing Laboratory. Fee: \$45;

\$15 discount if paid by September 21. Contact [Chris Demers](#) at (352) 846-2375.

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October 2...Lake City, Florida 9 AM - 2:30 PM ET. **Silviculture Best Management Practices Workshop.** Registration deadline: September 21. Contact [Robin Holland](#) at (352) 732-1273.

October 2...Lee County 11 AM - Noon. **GIS Opportunities for Stand Dynamics: School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences (SFWS) Seminar Series** at SFWS Room 1101. Speaker: John Gilbert. Coffee & cookies following lecture. Contact [Lori Eckhardt](#) at (334) 844-2720.

October 2...Morgan County 5:30 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at Ingalls Harbor, Decatur. Fee: \$35. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at 1-800-822-9453.

October 2-4...Covington County. **Longleaf Academy: Understory Restoration 201** at Solon Dixon Center, Andalusia. Fee: \$300; includes food and lodging. Contact [JJ](#) at (334) 427-1029.

October 4...Tallapoosa County 8 AM. **Central Alabama Helene Mosley Forestry Field Day** at Bobby Jennings property in Hackneyville. Call (256) 825-1050.

October 4...Autauga County 5:30 PM - 9 PM. **Managing Wild Pig Damage** at Autauga County Extension Office, Autaugaville. Fee: \$10. [Online registration only](#). Contact [Kelly Knowles](#) at (334) 844-1010.

October 5...Lee County 8:00 AM—Noon. **Estimating Site Productivity.** See Sept. 14, Lee County, for details.

October 5-6...Cherokee County. **Alabama Treasure Forest Association Conference and Tour** at Gadsden State Community College, Centre. Fee: \$99. Call Alabama Treasure Forest Association at 1-888-240-4694.

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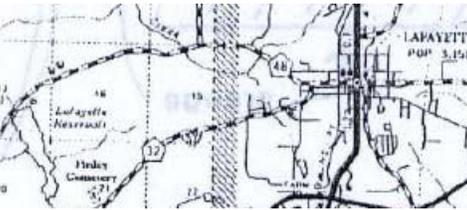
CRUMBLING BRIDGES: Last month we asked you to send photos of bridges that need repair work to Ray Clifton, Alabama Loggers Council, but we forgot to give you his mailing address and phone number. Send photos to Ray at 555 Alabama Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. Call him at (334) 265-8733 or write rclifton@alaforestry.org The first round of 104 projects submitted to Governor Bentley's \$900 million **Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP)** contained only 26 bridges. "Of the 12 counties with the worst bridge problems (451 posted less than 15 tons), only 10 bridges were submitted for replacement." Many counties cannot come up with the 20% matching funds necessary to secure the ATRIP funding. Ray urges you to "contact your County Engineer and Commissioners to let them know they should submit as many bridge projects as possible... These bridges are essential to the economy of rural Alabama, and they must be repaired or replaced immediately." Source: *Logger Notes*, 8/15/12.

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THE NEW CAHABA RIVER SILTATION TMDL is out for public notice. TMDL stands for Total Maximum Daily Load and has been a worrisome acronym for many forest owners and managers. But, so long as you and loggers and others who work on your land "utilize the proper [Best Management Practices]", "forested property and silvicultural activities are not considered a significant contributor to the siltation/habitat alteration impairment of the Cahaba River." Source: email message from Taylor Griswell, Environmental Engineering Specialist, Water Quality Branch, Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF LAW is being debated in Georgia. An attorney is arguing that consulting foresters who provide a timber-sale contract (used on previous timber-sales, but with names and other pertinent information updated) to clients are practicing law without a license. If the attorney wins, Georgia forest owners will face higher timber-sale costs — significantly higher for small sales. The Society of American Foresters has been providing information to the Georgia State Bar.

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