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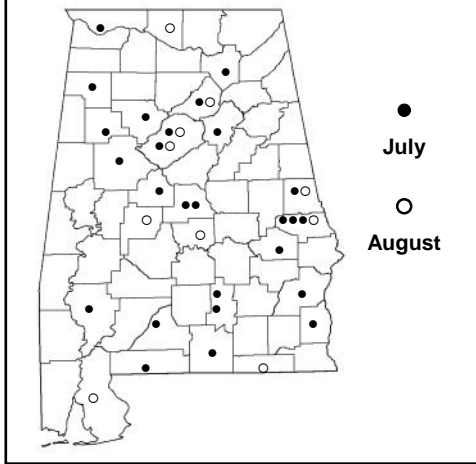
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JULY 2017

July 6...Walker County 9 - 10:30 AM. **Forestry Planning Committee Meeting** at 1501 North Airport Road, Jasper. Forest landowners are welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. Contact [Andrew Baril](mailto:Andrew.Baril@alabamafsa.com) at (205) 388-6893.

July 6...Crenshaw County 6:15 - 9 PM. **Estate Planning for Farmers and Other Landowners** at the Tom Harbin Ag Center, 816 Airport Road, Luverne. Topics include: Succession Planning, Problems with no estate plan, Avoiding probate, Estates owning land, Estate (death) taxes, Problems with joint ownership/management, Trust vs. business entity structure, and more. Instructor: Robert A. Tufts. Call Derek Bryan at (334) 335-6312.

July 7...Clarke County 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. **Herbicides & Natural Resource Management** at Thomasville Civic Center, 559 West Front Street, Thomasville. Topics include: Dormant Season Application Tips, Mixing, Calibrating, and more. Fee: \$30. Contact [Beau Brodbeck](mailto:Beau.Brodbeck@alabamafsa.com) at (251) 578-2762.

July 7...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 happening in your state. Dial-in number: 1-866-299-7945 and Participant code: 2594#

July 10...St. Clair County 6:15 - 9 PM. **Estate Planning for Farmers and Other Landowners** at the Civic Center, 2801 Stemley Bridge Road, Pell City. See July 6 for more details. Call Lee Ann Clark at (205) 338-9416.

July 10-13...Lee County. **Teacher's Conservation Workshop for Teachers of All Grades** at Auburn University School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences. The workshop will focus on forest ecology, management and products through guest speakers, field trips and hands-on activities. The goal is to demonstrate the importance working forests have to the environment and economy. **SPACE STILL AVAILABLE!** Contact [Ashley Smith](mailto:Ashley.Smith@alabamafsa.com) at (334) 481-2133.

July 11...Oxford, Mississippi 1 - 3 PM. **Summer Field Tour** at Canale Family Tree Farm. Registered attendees will receive map and directions. Topics include: Retention of hardwoods in pine stands, hardwood plantings for nut production, hardwood plantation management, establishing low water creek cross-

ings, and fire lane construction. Fee: \$25. Contact [Casey Anderson](mailto:Casey.Anderson@alabamafsa.com) at (601) 354-4936.

July 11...Barbour County 6 - 8:30 PM. **Pond and Aquatic Weed Management** at Extension Office, 525 School Street, Eufaula. Seminar will focus on management strategies for recreational fish ponds. Bring a water or weed sample for identification and testing. Contact [Bence Carter](mailto:Bence.Carter@alabamafsa.com) at (334) 389-4055.

July 11...Chilton County 6 - 8 PM. **Pond Management Workshop** at Jemison Municipal Complex, 14 Padgett Lane, Jemison. Workshop will focus on management strategies for recreational fish ponds. Bring a water or weed sample for identification and testing. Meal provided. Registration required by July 7. Contact [Chris Jaworowski](mailto:Chris.Jaworowski@alabamafsa.com) at (205) 280-6268.

July 11...Marshall County 6 PM. **Alabama Forestry Association Guntersville Regional Reception** at Dream Ranch, 6926 Alabama Highway 79 S, Guntersville. Food and refreshments provided. Contact [Liz Chambers](mailto:Liz.Chambers@alabamafsa.com) at (334) 481-2135.

July 11...Blount County 6:15 - 9 PM. **Estate Planning for Farmers and Other Landowners** at the Frank J. Green Building, 415 Fifth Avenue East, Suite A, Oneonta. See July 6 for more details. Call Dan Porch at (205) 274-2129.

July 11-12...Athens, Georgia. **Wildlife Management** at Flinchum's Phoenix, Whitehall Forest, 650 Phoenix Drive. This course will focus on the principles and applications of wildlife-habitat management techniques for three primary game species in the Southeast - white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and bobwhite quail. Fee: \$295. Contact [Ingvar Elle](mailto:Ingvar.Elle@alabamafsa.com) at (706) 583-0566.

July 11-13...Guyton, Georgia. **Longleaf Academy: Longleaf 101** at Mary Kahrs Warnell Forest Education Center, 5960 Hwy 17 S. Topics will include: Use of fire in longleaf, Stand management, Understory restoration, and more. Fee: \$150. Contact [Casey White](mailto:Casey.White@alabamafsa.com) at (334) 427-1029.

July 12...Sparta, Tennessee 8:30 AM - 12 Noon. **Shortleaf Pine Private Landowners Workshop** at Bridgestone/Firestone Wildlife Management Area, 6614 Eastland Road. Topics include: Why Shortleaf, Benefits of Shortleaf pine, Reducing tree density, Treatments, Fire implementation, and more. Lunch included. Email questions to James Akins at james.akins@tn.gov.

July 13...Atlanta, Georgia 7:30 AM - 5 PM ET. **Timber Market Analysis** at Georgia Tech Global Learning Center. This class teaches a detailed approach and specific strategies for analyzing timber markets for timberland, bioenergy, wood procurement, and forestry consulting applications. Speaker: Dr. Brooks Mendell. Fee: \$680; \$100 discount if paid by June 29. Contact [Heather Clark](mailto:Heather.Clark@alabamafsa.com) at (770) 725-8447.

July 13...Fayette County 8:30 AM - 12 Noon. **Recreational Fish Pond Workshop** at Guthrie Smith Park Pavilion, 4th Avenue NE, Fayette. Topics include: Site selection, Construction, Liming, Stocking, Removal, Predators, and Weed control. Fee: \$20. Call Andy Baril at (205) 388-6893.

July 13...Conecuh County 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. **Herbicides & Natural Resource Management** at The Depot, 100 Depot Square, Evergreen. Topics include: Dormant Season Application Tips, Mixing, Calibrating, and more. Fee: \$30. Contact [Beau Brodbeck](mailto:Beau.Brodbeck@alabamafsa.com) at (251) 578-2762.

July 13...Covington County 6 - 8 PM. **Drought in**

Southern Forests at the County Extension Office, 23952 Alabama Hwy 55, Suite 4, Andalusia. This program will cover "Effects and Management Strategies to Promote Forest Resiliency". Call the Extension Office at (334) 222-1125.

July 13...Henry County 6:15 - 9 PM. **Estate Planning for Farmers and Other Landowners** at the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center, 167 AL Hwy 134 East, Headland. See July 6 for more details. Call Jessica Kelton at (334) 585-6416.

July 17...Chambers County 6:15 - 9 PM. **Estate Planning for Farmers and Other Landowners** at the ALFA Building, 1006 Avenue A, SE, LaFayette. See July 6 for more details. Call Ken McMillan at (334) 864-9373.

July 18...Chilton County 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. **Professional Logging Manager Continuing Education Workshop** at Alabama Power Conference Center, 2030 7th Street, S., Clanton. Topics include: Safe State, First Aid, Trucking Regulations, Right-of-Ways, and Forestry BMP/Forest Health. Landowners are welcome to attend, but fee is required. PLM and CFE pts. available. Fee: \$65; \$15 discount if paid in advance. Lunch provided. Call Brian Smith at (205) 755-3042.

July 18...Lauderdale County 6:15 - 9 PM. **Estate Planning for Farmers and Other Landowners** at the Extension Office, 802 Veterans Drive, Florence. See July 6 for more details. Call Heidi Telenius at (256) 766-6223.

July 20...Crenshaw County 12 Noon. **Lady Forest Landowners and New Forest Landowners Meeting** at Tom Harbin Ag Center, 816 Airport Road, Luverne. Speaker: Dr. Becky Barlow. Call Derek Bryan at (334) 335-6312.

July 20...Bibb County 6 - 9 PM. **Homeowner Protection From Wildfires Seminar** at the Bibb County Board of Education Auditorium, 721 Walnut Street, Centreville. Do you have a cabin or barn on your land? Contact [Matt Hartzell](mailto:Matt.Hartzell@alabamafsa.com) at (205) 926-4310.

July 20...Marion County 6:15 - 9 PM. **Estate Planning for Farmers and Other Landowners** at the Extension Office, 372 7th Avenue, SW, Hamilton. See July 6 for more details. Call Lisa Murphy at (205) 921-3551.

July 20-23...New Orleans, Louisiana. **Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) National Convention** at the New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal Street. Fee: \$295. Call QDMA at 1-800-209-3337.

July 21-23...Jekyll Island, Georgia. **Georgia Forestry Association (GFA) Annual Conference & Forestry Expo** at Jekyll Island Convention Center. Fee: \$595; \$100 discount if paid by July 7. Call GFA at (478) 992-8110.

July 21-23...Jefferson County. **Annual World Deer Expo** at Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex, 2100 Richard Arrington, Jr. Boulevard North, Birmingham. The expo will have hunting products, apparel, outfitters from all over the world, seminars, outdoor celebrities, kid's activities, and more. Fee: \$10; kids receive discounted admission. Call Channing Brown at (205) 678-4141.

July 23-28...Lee County. **Wildlife Camp** at Auburn University. This all-inclusive camp is an exciting mix of hands-on activities, outdoor exploration, taught by the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System professionals. Open to rising 9-12 graders ages 15-18. Fee: \$700.

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STANDING TIMBER VALUES				
	Hardwood Pulpwood		Oak Sawtimber	
	\$ per ton		\$ per ton	
	1Q16	1Q17	1Q16	1Q17
Alabama	16.82	12.04	49.38	47.96
North	14.23	10.86	42.48	42.28
South	15.53	11.45	45.93	45.12
Hardwood Pulpwood — 5,800 lbs./cord Oak Sawtimber — 17,500 lbs./1000 Board Feet (Doyle)				
1st Quarter, 2016 (1Q16) and 1st Quarter, 2017 (1Q17)				
from Timber Mart-South, University of Georgia.				
★For Timber Mart-South subscription details, call (706) 542-4756 or visit www.tmart-south.com M1J 07/2017				

STOCK MARKET REPORT				
		Price Per Share		
Company or Fund Name		06/15/16	06/15/17	
Potlatch (PCH)	REIT	32.93	47.00	
Rayonier (RYN)	REIT	25.25	28.76	
Weyerhaeuser Co. (WY)	REIT	28.70	33.60	
Louisiana Pacific (LPX)		17.04	24.09	
WestRock (WRK)		38.37	57.36	
(CUT)*	ETF	22.45	28.15	
(WOOD)**	ETF	45.83	61.41	
Stock Market Report courtesy of Howard Sokol, Raymond James Financial Services, Birmingham, Alabama.				
* Guggenheim MSCI Global Timber ETF (CUT)				
** iShares Global Timber & Forestry ETF (WOOD)				

LUMBER & SHEATHING PRICES		
Source: Random Lengths MidWeek Market Report	06/15/16	06/21/17
2 x 4 lumber *	\$320	\$371
7/16" Oriented Strand Board **	\$280	\$333
* 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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- Dow-Jones Industrial Average: 21397.29
 - 10-year Treasury yield: 2.153%
 - Dollar: 111.33 Yen; Euro: \$1.1153
 - Oil: \$42.74/barrel
 - Gold: \$1,247.60/roy ounce
- Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, 6/23/17

CPA ANDY BIEBL SUGGESTS that tax reform, when passed, could eliminate a tax deduction for a mortgage on a secondary vacation home—except on existing mortgages. “Taken at its face value, this suggests acting sooner rather than later if you are considering the acquisition of a vacation property.” Source: **Tales from the Trenches**, *The Progressive Farmer*, June 2017.

“IN ALABAMA, TIMBER MARKETS HAVE SHIFTED DRAMATICALLY. Hardwood pulpwood is bringing as much money as pine pulpwood, and oak and mixed hardwood sawtimber are selling for more than pine sawtimber. This price phenomena is a marked change from historical stumpage trends. However, many landowners are still hesitant to actively manage their hardwood forest.” Source: **Prescribed Fire in an Upland Oak Stand** by Kush, Hunt, Barlow, and Armstrong, *Alabama’s Treasured Forests*, Spring 2017.

HOUSING STARTS FELL IN MAY, Though Home Builders “Optimistic.” Source: *Reuters*, 6/16/17.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

JamisonMoneyFarmer PC	Tuscaloosa, AL	(205)345-8440
Sheldon, Rogers & Bryan, PC	Mobile, AL	(251)345-1252
Richard, Harris, Ingram and Bozeman, PC		(334)277-8135

CONSULTING FORESTER - Member: ACF

C. V. Forestry Services	Clayton, AL	(334)775-8345
Melisa V. Love, RF, ACF	Opelika	(334)745-7530
Joseph E. Rigby, RF, ACF	Georgiana	(334)265-8200
Larson & McGowin, Inc.	Mobile, AL	(251)438-4581
Eddie Carlson, RF, ACF	Montgomery	(334)270-1291
McKinley & Lanier Forest Res.	Tuscaloosa	1-800-247-0041
Arthur C. Dyas, RF, ACF	Mobile, AL	(251)331-4017
Gibson Forest Mgmt., Inc.	Aliceville, AL	(205)373-6168
Forestall Company, Inc.	Hoover	1-800-844-0904
John R. Stivers, RF, ACF, CF	AL & GA	(334)253-2139
Sizemore & Sizemore, Inc.	Tallassee, AL	(334)283-3611
J. Pat Autrey	Fort Deposit	(334)227-4239
F & W Forestry Services	LaFayette	(334)864-9542
M & W Forestry Consultants	Ozark, AL	(334)432-0467
Edward F. Travis Co., Inc.	Mobile	(251)633-8885

CONSULTING FORESTER

Stewart Forestry Services, Inc.	Decatur, AL	(256)350-9721
Midsouth Forestry Services, Inc.	Gordo, AL	1-888-228-7531
Forever Green, Inc.	Leeds, AL	1-800-498-5821
American Forest Mgmt.	Prattville, AL	(334)358-2345
Southern Forestry Cnslt.	Enterprise, AL	(334)393-7868
Eiland Forestry & Real Estate	Trussville	(205)655-0191
Foster Land Management, LLC	Central Ala.	(205)826-7741
www.ChesnutForestry.com	Northeast AL	(706)936-0699
Lang Forestry Consultants, LLC	Selma	(334)375-1065
Cliff A. Logan & Associates, Inc.	Eutaw, AL	(205)372-9321
Graham Forestry & Appraisal	Butler, AL	(205)459-2472

CONSULTING FORESTER - continued

Richard Crenshaw, RF	Greenville, AL	(334)382-3826
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CONSULTING WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST

Mark Thomas, CWB	Hoover	(205)733-0477
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EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Tree Trans-planter 4" diameter tree, 6 spade	(901)481-7184
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INSURANCE

Hunting Lease & Timberland Liability Group Policies	Alabama Forest Owners' Association	(205)987-8811
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LAND FOR SALE

Tutt Land Company	www.tuttland.com	(334)534-1315
Carlson Land Services	Montgomery	(334)270-1291
Hudson Hines Real Estate	www.hudsonhinesrealestate.com	
American Forest Mgmt.	Prattville, AL	(334)358-2345
Southeastern Land Group, Inc.		1-866-751-5263
Farm & Timber Land	AL, GA, TN, FL	www.selandgroup.com
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National Land Realty	NationalLand.com	(855)NLR-LAND
Larson & McGowin, Inc.	Mobile, AL	(251)438-4581
Southeastern Realty & Auction Co	John Hall	(334)534-0525
Longleaf Land Co. LLC	longleafland.com	(334)493-0123
Mossy Oak Properties - Logan Land Co.		1-877-377-5263
Target Auction Company	All of	1-800-476-3939
Real Estate Auctions	SE	www.targetauction.com
McKeithen Land & Realty, LLC		(251)974-5656

LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Scotch Land Management, LLC	Fulton, AL	(334)637-2128
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POND MANAGEMENT

Honey Hole Fisheries	Ralph, AL	(205)333-3665
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POSTED SIGNS

Alabama Forest Owners' Association		(205)987-8811
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PROFESSIONAL LANDMEN / GEOLOGISTS

Joseph L. Stephenson, Professional Landman, Birmingham	jlstephenson2177@charter.net	(205)790-0452
Royalty audits, leasing mineral rights, etc.		

REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS

Larson & McGowin, Inc.	Mobile, AL	(251)438-4581
Graham Forestry & Appraisal	Butler, AL	(205)459-2472

TIMBER BUYER

Blue Ox Forestry, Inc.		(334)875-5100
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Ronny Wimberley Land & Timber Division		1-877-292-0056
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TREE SEED FOR SALE

LOUISIANA FOREST SEED CO.		(318)443-5026
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TREE SEEDLINGS FOR SALE

INTERNATIONAL FOREST COMPANY		1-800-633-4506
TECHNOLOGY THAT GROWS CONTAINER SEEDLINGS		
ArborGen, LLC		
Selma:	1-800-222-1280	or (334)872-5452
SUPERIOR TREES, INC.	Lee, FL	(850)971-5159
WHITE CITY NURSERY	Autauga Co.	(334)365-2488
Pines & Hardwoods for Forestry, Wildlife, Landscapes		
Weyerhaeuser Company		
Premium Pine and Hardwood Seedlings		
1-800-635-0162		

Pinecrest Forest Seedling Nursery - Georgia - (229)314-9445
Improved Bareroot Pine Seedling pinecrest1@windstream.net

Whitfield Farms & Nursery - Containerized Longleaf Pine
Twin City, GA ph. (912) 515-4103
WhitfieldPineSeedlings.com / whitfieldfarms@live.com

WOODLAND MULCHING

Sand MT Land & Timber	North Alabama	(256)504-6320
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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES: First Line \$85.00/year.

"2017 WILL BE A GOOD YEAR FOR LONGLEAF PINE CONE PRODUCTION," reports U.S. Forest Service research ecologist Dale Brockway in his most recent report, *Longleaf Pine Cone Prospects for 2017 and 2018*.

WHEN REQUESTING HIS LAND BE REMOVED from AFOA's webpage, www.HuntingLand.biz, because he had leased it to a hunter, a Bibb County landowner wrote, **"It is simply amazing that there is so much demand for hunting property."** Matre Forestry Consulting, Inc. reported in a 6/21/17 email: **"...affordable hunting land is selling fast."**

4,000 EMPLOYEE DOWNSIZING is planned for the U.S. Department of Interior by Secretary Ryan Zinke. Source: *Washington Post*, 6/21/17. In a separate report, *The Westerner*, 6/15/17, pointed out that EPA's proposed 30% budget cuts have been met with "strong opposition at House panel." Evidently Republican lawmakers have not been eager supporters of the proposed cuts. What a surprise.



LYME DISEASE is a big problem — in the northeast and the lake states, but not so much in the South. Each dot on the above map represents one case of Lyme disease. Map source: Center for Disease Control, 2015. For example, Wisconsin reported about 2,000 cases in 2015. "The best repellents are products containing 20-30 percent of a chemical called DEET," reported Kirk Dahl in *Wisconsin Woodlands*, Summer 2017. *Consumer Reports*, 5/4/17, listed **Five Types of Insect Repellent to Skip**. They are Natural Repellents, Wrist Bands, Sonic Repellents, Clip-On Fans, and Citronella Candles.



... A built-in LED provides illumination..." **Active Eye Universal Phone Microscope, \$8.95 at Forestry Suppliers.** Call 800-647-5368.

WHILE BROWSING THEIR CATALOG we also ran across a **Rear-View License Plate Camera Kit** that would be handy when hooking up to a trailer. The



LCD monitor "mounts inside your vehicle using a self-adhesive base or suction cup base." \$219. Call 800-647-5368.

SHORT TERM FEE HUNTING IS NOT COVERED by AFOA's Hunting Lease Liability Group Insurance Policy provided by Outdoor Underwriters, Inc. If you suspect that someone who is leasing your land is conducting guided hunts for a fee, they may be jeopardizing your protection. Since AFOA began making the policy available to our members, the application has read: **"...commercial dove shoots and short term fee hunting are not covered."**



ALSO - RELATED TO INSURANCE PROTECTION. Ed Wilson, Outdoor Underwriters, Inc., asked us to pass along the following advice to AFOA members who seek liability

protection related to hunting:

If a hunting club is operating on the property it is much better to have a lease in place. Almost all of the wording is specifically designed as "hunting lease" liability insurance and hunting club liability insurance. Formal leases are better for the landowner than informal leases.

The Timberland Liability Group Insurance Policy covers the landowner for their own hunting or (their liability) from guest hunting on their property.

If the landowner wants to provide liability coverage for his guest (members/guest with named insured status), the landowner's protection would be improved by having a lease in place. Especially if money changes hand. AFOA's Hunting Lease Liability Group Insurance Policy would be used.

If the landowner owns the land and is operating as a hunting club it is better to formalize that structure (hunting club name, members, rules).

If they own the property and just use it for hunting, a timberland liability policy would serve the same function. The only difference - it would not provide named insured status to guest/members.

For my own property I just take out timberland liability. If I regularly had the same guest hunting on the property and I wanted them to have named insured status, I would form a club under my own name and have them listed as club members/guest and take out a hunting lease policy.

So, yes the landowners can take out either policy to protect their liability from hunting. But the more formal the established "hunting club" the better off they are in a claim situation.

FOREST PROFILES: CONSULTING FORESTERS



by Jessica Nelson

Richard Crenshaw, a consulting forester based in Greenville, took the step toward a small consultancy when travel all over the southeast with a larger firm became impractical for his family. Now he helps private landowners in the Butler County region achieve their goals. He says most of his clients own from twenty acres to a few hundred acres, and being on his own gives him the flexibility to take on jobs that wouldn't be cost effective for larger consultancies. "I can take any job that I think I can help the person with," he says. Crenshaw chooses to stick with more traditional forestry methods rather than some of the more gadget-heavy, technology-intensive approaches. "I use more paper than some foresters," he says. "We are growing trees, after all." A great deal of Crenshaw's day-to-day work includes timber estimation, boundary maintenance, and timber sales, along with some urban forestry for the city of Montgomery. For his clients' larger-scale needs, he works with local contractors. On a day to day basis, Crenshaw says marking timber for a select cutting is one satisfying aspect of his job, because choosing which trees to cut lets him have a hand in shaping the future of the forest. But what he finds most rewarding is guiding clients through their options on major decisions and knowing he's helped someone accomplish something they couldn't have otherwise.

Hey Folks!

Once again, I was privileged to experience a great west Texas hunting trip with Harold Ridgeway and Mark Sasser. Penny, an English pointer, was our best bird finder. We found similar numbers of coveys as we found last year. The high day covey count was 20 coveys. I asked, "What is the biologist secret to high bird numbers in west Texas? What does Texas do to have so many quail?" The answer is not a damned thing!



It is just naturally occurring. It is the land use, plants like ragweed, the rain fall and the lack of invasive grass species. This is the correct habitat that quail need. The same can be achieved in Alabama. But it is far from natural. We have progressed into a land use that a young person the age of 30 will think is normal. But in 1950, land use was quite different than the one we have in Alabama today.

Let us focus on a few changes in control burning, invasive species, rotary mowers, fire ants, and other predators. Quail hunters like Leon Flynn talk about the rural neighbors burning the woods every year. Burning without establishing fire lanes, burning without a permit and burning without any problems. Annual burning removed the pine straw, leaves, dead grass and fallen trees. Annual burning did not allow the fuel buildup that creates extremely hot fires. Fescue, an invasive species, was discovered growing in Menifee County, Kentucky in 1931. It was planted for pasture grazing. An improved variety known as Kentucky 31 was released in 1965. It may be a host to an endophyte fungus that is very bad for breeding horses. Today, it is estimated to be growing on 35 million acres nationwide. After WWII, diesel powered

equipment was fast replacing horse and mule drawn equipment. In 1951, a manufacturing company known as Bush Hog begin building their rotary cutter in Selma. Bush Hog's first product was Model 12, a 5-foot wide cutter with a stump jumper. They could build 1 per week, initially. The farm cleanup and expansion was underway. It should have been called the "quail habitat removal."

Not that anyone intentionally set out to destroy quail habitat. Cattle-men seeking to provide better grazing for their cattle introduced fescue to their pastures. This grass creates a thick thatch quail cannot penetrate. The Bush Hog allowed the pasture to be cleaned to the wood line, removing all edges. The edge is the transition area between the fields and the deep woods where quail thrive. All along "Smokey the Bear" was shaming people to stop burning. No control burning allows the forest to grow dense. Leaves fall year after year and the quail cannot scratch for food. Early succession plants are shaded out. Fire ants came to Alabama through the port of Mobile in the 1930's. These ants destroy hatching quail chicks. Fire ants slowly but progressively moved through the south. USDA aerial pesticide applications come with some problems and get canceled. Fire ants are just one of the many predators.

Over the past 70 years, these inventions, actions and land use changes have greatly impacted the quail habitat. It cannot be over stated the land use in Alabama has changed. The changes have not been beneficial for quail. I live for the day quail habitat improvement is a common practice in Alabama.

Frank Harris, Alabama Quail Hunters

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Dean's Notebook: A Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Enterprise Management is on the Horizon at Auburn!

Hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other outdoor recreation activities account for about \$4 billion annually and 42K jobs in the state of Alabama alone. Throughout the country there are thousands of small, medium, and large enterprises in both the public and private sectors engaged in these activities. A workforce is needed with multi-disciplinary knowledge and skills relating to wildlife management, business, and hospitality and customer relations to support and expand these enterprises. Currently, only Kansas State University, or KSU, is producing graduates with these skills by offering a bachelor's degree in "Wildlife Outdoor Enterprise Management."

Conversations with representatives from private outdoor clubs and enterprises, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, KSU faculty, and several other groups/organizations suggest that there is a huge demand for graduates to support the outdoor enterprise industry within the U.S. and around the world. This has prompted the Auburn School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences (SFWS), to develop a bachelor's degree program in *Wildlife Enterprise Management*.

Drawing on Auburn University's SFWS expertise in wildlife and outdoor recreation management, College of Business expertise in marketing, finance, and accounting and the College of Human Sciences expertise in hospitality, restaurant, and customer relations, we are developing a bachelor's degree in wildlife enterprise management with a minor in business. Current student enrollment at KSU suggests that we can anticipate annual enrollment of at least 25 new students each year within 5 years, with enrollment anticipated to increase each year after.

Students who successfully complete this program will:

- Have a deeper understanding of wildlife management as it applies to consumptive and non-consumptive enterprises;

- Appreciate the fundamentals of conservation biology and ecotourism;
- Have skill sets in the hospitality industry as it relates to customer service, food and beverage production, lodging, and law;
- Have knowledge of the accounting, finance, and other business principles required to manage small or medium size operations;
- Be able to effectively market and advertise a wildlife or outdoor-related enterprise.

This interdisciplinary degree program will be supported in part by the University's Core course requirements. In addition to AU's core requirements, there is a need for additional business-related courses that will fall under the College of Business and additional science courses above the core requirements that will fall under the College of Science and Mathematics. However, the majority of the wildlife management course requirements will come from within the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences and the hotel and restaurant management course requirements from within the College of Human Sciences.

If this new major is approved, we believe it will be very popular with new and transferring students who are interested in careers in wildlife and outdoor-related enterprises. With only one other program of its kind in the U.S. and the expansive field of job opportunities available both nationally and internationally, we fully anticipate that our program will attract a diverse body of students from across the country and beyond to join this growing industry.

Students interested in this career path may contact our student recruiter at workingwithnature@auburn.edu for more details about the proposed degree program.

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Contact [Jordan Graves](#) at (334) 672-4826.

July 24...Escambia County 6:15 - 9 PM. **Estate Planning for Farmers and Other Landowners** at Grace Fellowship Church, 1412 East Nashville Avenue, Atmore. See July 6 for more details. Fee: \$20 cash/check only; meal included. Call Anthony Wiggins at (251) 867-7760.

July 25...Tuscaloosa County 6:15 - 9 PM. **Estate Planning for Farmers and Other Landowners** at the Courthouse Annex, 2513 7th Street, Tuscaloosa. See July 6 for more details. Call Denise Shirley at (205) 349-4630.

July 25-26...Athens, Georgia. **Recreational Pond Management** at Flinchum's Phoenix, Whitehall Forest, 650 Phoenix Drive. This course will teach the basic knowledge and skills to produce high quality fishing. Fee: \$295; \$50 discount if paid by July 4. Contact [Ingvar Elle](#) at (706) 583-0566.

July 26...Macon County 8 AM - 4:30 PM. **Integrated Approach for Managing Diseases and Parasites in Small Ruminants** at 102 Mary Starke Harper Hall, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee. Fee: \$30; \$5 discount if paid by July 14. Working breakfast and lunch provided. Contact [Dr. Uma Karki](#) at (334) 421-2139.

July 29...Jefferson County 10 AM - 3 PM. **Managing Wild Pig Damage** at Bass Pro Shops, 5000 Bass Pro Boulevard, Leeds. Topics include: Wild Pig History, Biology, Diseases, Trapping, Removal, and more. Fee: \$15; lunch included. For more information call (334) 844-1010.

July 31...Lee County 8 AM. **Alabama Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Re-certification Workshop** at Auburn University Forestry & Wildlife Sciences Building, 602 Duncan Drive, Auburn. Instructor: John Stivers. Fee: \$100. Limited seating. For more info contact [John](#) at (706) 773-5749. Attendees must

register at: <http://classes.forestry.alabama.gov/cpbmclasses.aspx> Select the *Re-Certify* option.

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August 1...Limestone County 9 AM - 2 PM. **Managing Wild Pig Damage** at Limestone County Sheriff's Rodeo Arena, 18118 AL Hwy 99, Athens. Details: July 29.

August 1-4...Lee County. **Alabama Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Certification Workshop** at Auburn University Forestry & Wildlife Sciences Building, 602 Duncan Drive, Auburn. Instructor: John Stivers. Fee: \$150. Limited seating. For more info contact [John](#) at (706) 773-5749. Attendees must register at: <http://classes.forestry.alabama.gov/cpbmclasses.aspx> Select the *Certify* option.

August 3...Baldwin County 9 AM - 2 PM. **Managing Wild Pig Damage** at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center, 30945 Five Rivers Boulevard, Spanish Fort. See July 29 for details.

August 3...Geneva County 6:15 - 9 PM. **Estate Planning for Farmers and Other Landowners** at the Geneva County Farm Center, 2765 E. State Highway 52, Hartford. See July 6 for more details. Call Gavin Mauldin at (334) 684-2484.

August 3-5...Jefferson County. **Commodity Producers Conference & EXPO** at Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. In the past this program has usually contained some forestry & wildlife topics. For more information contact [Caroline Chapman](#) at (334) 613-4953.

August 4-6...Chambers County. **Christmas Tree Association Annual Meeting**. This will be a joint meeting of the Southern Christmas Tree Association and the Georgia Christmas Tree Association at the Hampton Inn in Valley, Alabama. Fee: \$TBD. Contact [Ray Gilbert](#) at (334) 499-4007.

August 5...Autauga County 8 - 11:15 AM. **Creek Life**

at the Pratt Park Pond, 460 Doster Road, Prattville. Come discover "What's in the water?" To register call (334) 595-0800.

August 9...Quincy, Florida 8 AM - 4 PM ET. **Tri-State Forest Herbicide Workshop** at North Florida Research and Education Center, 155 Research Road. Topics include: Advanced herbicide site prep, Post-plant herbaceous weed control in longleaf, How herbicides work, Herbicide toxicity, and more. Fee: \$85.39; lunch included. Call Patrick Minogue at (850) 875-7142.

August 10...Blount County 9 AM. **Blount County Natural Resources Planning Committee Meeting** will meet at the Frank Green Building, Oneonta. Contact [Charles LeCroy](#) at (205) 353-2858.

August 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*. To attend, RSVP [AFOA](#) at (205) 987-8811.

August 15...Statewide. **Special Primary Election** for the vacant U.S Senate seat formerly held by Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

August 15-17...Tallahassee, Florida. **Longleaf Academy: Herbicides & Longleaf 201** at Tall Timbers Research Station. Topics will include: herbicide rates, timing, active ingredients, application methods, calibration, safety, minimizing damage to longleaf, and more. Fee: \$150; lunch included. Contact [Casey White](#) at (334) 427-1029.

August 18...Perry County 8 AM - 3 PM. **Whitetail Deer Management Program** at the Blackbelt Substation, Marion Junction. Fee: \$20. Contact [John Ollison](#) at (334) 683-6888.

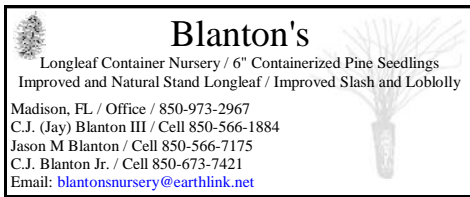
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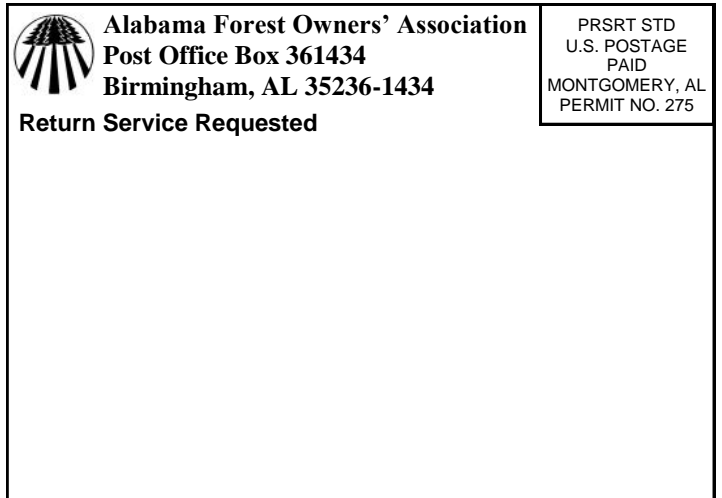
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"THOUGH PERHAPS NOT AS COMMON AS IT ONCE WAS, timber theft still occurs, and it's unfortunate. I have observed through the years that timber theft is usually a result of many factors. There's absentee overstep, when the owners live elsewhere and a criminal knows it, not unlike a thief who targets an out-of-town homeowner. There are instances where there's a lack of well-defined property boundaries. Owners who do not visit their land frequently or keep an eye on the outer reaches of it also can be victimized. There also are ornery neighbors, unscrupulous partners, and simply failure to communicate. ...forest landowners should be engaged with their land." Source: **Absentee Ownership, Vague Property Lines and Dodgy Partners** by David Mercker in *Forest Landowner*, July/August 2017.



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