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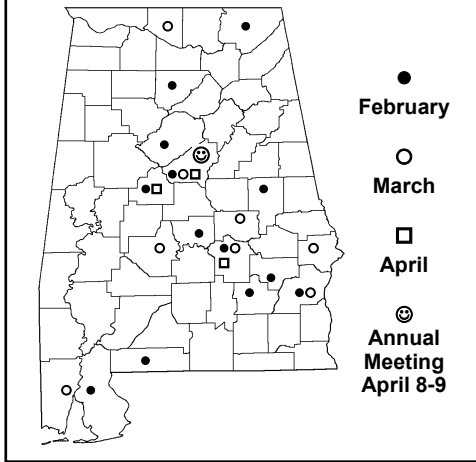
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### FEBRUARY 2022

February 1...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Timber Management Expenses and Deductions** will be presented via Zoom. Managing your timber costs money, and like any other business, many of your expenses can be deducted from your tax bill. In this presentation, you will learn how to assess your forest management costs and correctly claim your deductions. Webinar web address: <https://bit.ly/20220201mgt> If you need assistance connecting to the webinar email [contact@sref.info](mailto:contact@sref.info).

February 2...Niceville, Florida 8:30 AM - 5 PM. **Longleaf Foundations** at Timpoochee 4-H Youth Camp, 4750 Timpoochee Lane. This one-day course, a condensed version of Longleaf 101, is designed for those that would like to begin building a solid foundation of longleaf knowledge. *Masks required indoors.* Fee: \$50; lunch provided. Contact [Karen Brown](mailto:Karen.Brown@alfoa.org) at (334) 427-1029.

February 2...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Managing White Oaks: Harvesting & Regeneration Strategies** will be presented via Zoom. Presenter: Drew Metzler, Alabama Extension. Registration is required. For more information contact [Bence Carter](mailto:Bence.Carter@alfoa.org) at (334) 693-3800.

February 3...Montgomery County 10 AM. **Board Meeting of Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust** at the Richard Beard Building, Agriculture and Industries Auditorium, 1445 Federal Drive, Montgomery. This meeting will provide an opportunity for any individual who would like to make comments concerning the program. The public is invited to attend this meeting and is urged to submit comments. For more information call (334) 242-3484. *Editor's Note: Should the state provide recreational activity property? Is recreation a necessary public service?*

February 7...Barbour County 5:30 PM. **Carbon Market Introduction for Producers and Landowners** at the Barbour County Extension Office, 525 School Street, Eufaula. This meeting will offer an introduction to carbon markets as we currently understand them, things to consider before entering into carbon contracts, and things that will affect the market going forward. For more information contact [Jessica Kelton](mailto:Jessica.Kelton@alfoa.org) at (334) 693-3800.

February 7...Tupelo, Mississippi 6 PM. **Cogongrass** at the Lee County Extension Office, 5338 Cliff Gookin Boulevard. Speaker: Garron Hicks. RSVP to (662) 841-9000.

February 8...Online 8:30 AM - 3 PM CT. **Texas Timber Tax Workshop** is designed for forest landowners, consulting foresters, accountants, attorneys, and others who work with forest landowners in matters pertaining to timber tax issues. For more information contact [Melissa Yeldell](mailto:Melissa.Yeldell@alfoa.org) at (979) 458-6650.

February 8...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Keeping More of Your Timber Income Following a Timber Sale** will be presented via Zoom. Learn about one of the top ways forest landowners save taxes—receiving capital gains treatment on timber sales. Join this presentation for a detailed discussion of how to qualify for capital gains treatment under IRC 631(a) & (b), recordkeeping tips, and proper tax reporting. Webinar web address: <https://bit.ly/20220208income> If you need assistance connecting to the webinar email [contact@sref.info](mailto:contact@sref.info).

February 8...Online 12 Noon - 1:15 PM CT. **Forester Webinar Series: Stewardship & Sustainability** will be presented via Zoom. This lunch and learn is for women (*men are welcome to attend*) that own forestland or are just interested in learning more about forestry in a relaxed, fun setting. Join during your lunch break as Ashley Smith, Alabama Forestry Association, discusses why conservation education matters. Pre-registration required. Contact [Bence Carter](mailto:Bence.Carter@alfoa.org) at (334) 389-4055.

February 8...Autauga County 6:30 - 8:30 PM. **Carbon Credits Seminar** at the Autaugaville Forestry Office, 2226 Alabama Highway 14 West, Autaugaville. Jeff Wright from **NCX** give information on how to sell your forest's carbon credits. For more information call Matthew Sorrells at (334) 239-5258.

February 9-11...Pine Mountain, Georgia. **Southeastern Society of American Foresters Annual Meeting** at the Callaway Resort & Gardens. Professional foresters and landowners are welcome to attend to hear conference speakers address economic, environmental, and policy issues. Fee: \$369.15. For more information contact [Susan McMichael](mailto:Susan.McMichael@alfoa.org) at (706) 457-1842.

February 10...Athens, Georgia 7:30 AM - 4 PM ET. **Timber Taxation Workshop** at Flinchum's Phoenix, 650 Phoenix Drive. Timber taxes are one of the major expenses every private forest landowner needs to take care of. This course will provide basic information about forest-related federal income taxation and property taxes in Georgia. Fee: \$195. Contact [Ingvar Elle](mailto:Ingvar.Elle@alfoa.org) at (706) 583-0566.

February 12-13...Jackson County. **Alabama Adult and Youth Trappers Education Workshop** at the Jackson County WMA, 234 County Road 141, Hollywood. The workshop passes on the historical aspects of trapping, biological information concerning furbearers and furbearer management, and allows students to learn the proper techniques that include the use of trapping as a sound wildlife management tool. Recommended ages 7 and up. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$10 for adults.

Contact [Mike Sievering](mailto:Mike.Sievering@alfoa.org) at (205) 340-1183.

February 14-18...Tallapoosa County 8:30 AM - 4 PM. **Learn to Burn Workshop** at Wind Creek State Park, 4325 Alabama Highway 128, Alexander City. Experience a day-long "start to finish" learning opportunity. **Actively participate.** The prescribed burn will be conducted on the first available burn window between February 14-18. Depending on weather conditions, selected participants will be given 2 days advance notice before the program is held. Space is limited to 25 participants. Contact [Drew Metzler](mailto:Drew.Metzler@alfoa.org) at (334) 313-0478.

February 15...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Coping With Losses from Nature and Chance** will be presented via Zoom. Growing trees can be subject to forces beyond the owners' control from weather catastrophes to timber theft and more. While forest landowners can't plan for these unexpected events, they can learn more about the tax implications for casualty loss, non-casualty losses, timber theft, trespassing and more. Webinar web address: <https://bit.ly/20220215> If you need assistance connecting to the webinar email [contact@sref.info](mailto:contact@sref.info).

February 16...Athens, Georgia 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM ET. **Small Game in the Southeast** at Flinchum's Phoenix, 650 Phoenix Drive. This short course aims to provide technical information about the ecology, habitat, and strategies for hunting small game in the southeast, including outdoor activities and small game habitat field tours. Plan to spend several hours outdoors navigating thick brush with hunting dogs and outdoor apparel is required. Fee: \$250; \$50 discount if paid by February 2. \$100 discount if no continuing education credits are needed. Contact [Ingvar Elle](mailto:Ingvar.Elle@alfoa.org) at (706) 583-0566.

February 16...NATIONWIDE 10:00 AM Central Time. **CAPITAL IDEAS - LIVE! 15-minute Telephone News Conference for Alabama Forest Owners.** Listen on your phone or later on the web. Call AFOA to register: (205) 624-2225.

February 16...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Spring-time Aquatic Weed Prevention** will be presented via Zoom. Presenter: Norm Haley, Alabama Extension. Registration is required. For more information contact [Bence Carter](mailto:Bence.Carter@alfoa.org) at (334) 693-3800.

February 16 - March 23...Online. **The Woman Landowners Academy - 2.0** is a 6-week online program hosted through a private Facebook Group, only open to participants. Within the group you will have exclusive access to materials, resources, land management professionals, as well as the opportunity to join a network of women just like you. Topics include: Finding and contracting a consulting forester, Determining what timber products you are growing, Income opportunities, Wildlife enhancements, How to select a pine species for your site, and Prescribed burning basics. Fee: \$179. For more information contact [Danielle Atkins](mailto:Danielle.Atkins@alfoa.org) at (706) 631-4440.

February 17...Brandon, Mississippi 6 PM. **Timber Markets: Mill Availability** at Rankin County Extension Office, 601 Marquette Road. Speaker: Marc Measells. For more information or to RSVP call

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STANDING TIMBER VALUES				
PINE	Pulpwood \$ per ton		Chip-N-Saw \$ per ton	
Alabama	4Q20	4Q21	4Q20	4Q21
North	5.95	7.47	16.56	20.67
South	8.28	14.93	18.03	21.58
Average	7.12	11.20	17.30	21.13

Pine Pulpwood — 5,350 lbs./cord  
Pine Sawtimber — 15,000 lbs./1000 Board Feet (Scribner)  
4th Quarter, 2020 (4Q20) and 4th Quarter, 2021 (4Q21)  
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STOCK MARKET REPORT			
		Price Per Share	
Company or Fund Name		01/15/21	01/14/22
PotlatchDeltic Corp. (PCH)	REIT	50.53	57.10
Rayonier (RYN)	REIT	31.14	39.30
Weyerhaeuser Co. (WY)	REIT	32.52	40.98
Louisiana Pacific (LPX)		37.96	75.60
WestRock (WRK)		45.68	46.91
CUT	ETF	34.05	37.58
WOOD	ETF	80.29	93.04

Stock Market Report courtesy of Alan Jordan, Birmingham Investment Group, Birmingham, Alabama.

LUMBER & SHEATHING PRICES		
	01/21/21	01/20/22
2 x 4 untreated framing lumber*	\$1150	\$1520
7/16" Oriented Strand Board **	\$750	\$800

\* 2x4 #2&Btr Southern Pine Eastside (f.o.b. mill) (per 1,000 board feet)  
\*\* 7/16" OSB South (East) (f.o.b. mill) (per 1,000 square feet)

**FORESTLAND FOR SALE** [www.forestland.bz](http://www.forestland.bz)

- Dow-Jones Industrial Average: 34715.39
  - 10-year Treasury yield: 1.833%
  - Dollar: 114.08 Yen; Euro: \$1.1311
  - Oil: \$86.90/barrel
  - Gold: \$1,842.50/roy ounce
- Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, 01/21/22

**AGRICULTURE CONFIDENCE INDEX** as reported in *Progressive Farmer*, 1/22, "optimistic about the present," "concerned" about the future.

"WE HAVEN'T SEEN upward-sweeping timber price graphs [as we're seeing right now] in a long, long time," wrote F&W Forestry CEO Marshall Thomas in his *For-estry Report*, Winter 2022.



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**"SOUTH-WIDE AVERAGE STUMP-AGE PRICES INCREASED** for [pine sawtimber, hardwood sawtimber, Chip-n-saw, Pine Pulpwood and Hardwood Pulpwood] in the 4th Quarter, with pine sawtimber increasing to its highest level since 3rd Quarter 2010 and pine chip-n-saw surpassing the \$20 mark for the first time since 1st Quarter 2007. Pulpwood prices also continued their upward climb this quarter. Specifically, since the 3rd Quarter of 2020, pine pulpwood prices have increased 31% while hardwood pulpwood prices have increased 47%." Source: *TimberMart-South ~ Market News Quarterly*, 4Q21.

**AND...** "Sawmill capacity continues to expand, with new sawmills currently under construction..."

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(601) 825-1462.

February 17 & 24...Cullman County 5 - 8 PM. **Pond Management Series** at Wallace State, Hopper Forestry Bldg., CR-673, Hanceville. Topics include: fertilizing, harvest, dam maintenance, aquatic weed management, stocking, strategies, wildlife damage, fish kills, and enhancements. The two days are in-class presentations. Seating is limited. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$75. Contact [Ashley](mailto:Ashley) at (256) 352-8386. A field day for demonstrations is planned for March 15 from 8:30 - 11:30 AM. Fee: \$50.

February 17...Jefferson County 6 - 8 PM. **AFOA Dinner and Discussion** at [The Fish Market Restaurant](http://TheFishMarketRestaurant.com), 1681 Highway 31, Hoover. No-host dinner at 6 PM. Then discuss the latest news and issues with other forest landowners. Limited seating. To attend, RSVP AFOA at (205) 624-2225 or [rll@afoa.org](mailto:rll@afoa.org).

February 19...Shelby County 8 AM - 12 Noon. **Firearms 101: Introduction to Handguns** at the Cahaba Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Shooting Range, 3956 Coalmont Road, Helena. The class is perfect for those who want to learn more about handguns, target shooting and firearm safety in a controlled environment. Eye and ear protection, as well as a .22 rimfire handgun and all the ammunition needed, is provided free of charge. If you already have your own handgun and appropriate ammunition, please feel free to bring it for use in the class. For more information or registration visit <https://www.outdooralabama.com/node/24876> See also, March 19 and April 16.

February 19...Cullman County 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. **Tree Sale** at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Tally Ho Street NW, Cullman. The tree selection will include white oaks, bald cypress, southern magnolia, paw paws, persimmons, and more. Fee: \$2 per tree. For more information call Kira Sims at (256) 737-9386.

February 19-20...Baldwin County. **Alabama Adult and Youth Trappers Education Workshop** at the District V Wildlife Office, 30571 Five Rivers Boulevard, Spanish Fort. See February 12-13, page 1 for more details. Fee: \$10 for adults. Contact [Mike Sievering](mailto:MikeSievering) at (205) 340-1183.

February 20-26...Statewide. **Alabama Arbor Week**. This is a good week to include the family in your tree planting activities. Send AFOA a picture of your children or grandchildren planting a tree, or post one to the [AFOA MeWe](http://AFOAMeWe) page or [AFOA Facebook](http://AFOAFacebook) page.


February 21...Bibb County 9 AM - 12 Noon. **ForestHer - Chainsaw Safety Workshop** at a location to-be-determined in Centreville. ForestHer workshops are an opportunity for women landowners (*men are welcome to attend*) to learn about forest management topics that are important to them in a relaxed, fun setting. This workshop will cover the basics of chainsaw safety. In addition to gaining valuable knowledge about chainsaw safety and personal protection equipment, participants will also learn how to properly start and operate a chainsaw. Registration required. For more information contact [Lynn Dickinson](mailto:LynnDickinson) at (334) 303-8360.

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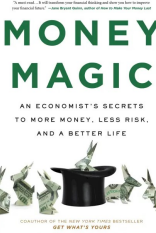
**“BILL WOULD KEEP FOREIGN BUYERS FROM ALABAMA FARM LAND, FORESTS,”** states the headline in *The Montgomery Independent*, 1/5/22. Foreign ownership is “a concern to Sen. Tim Melson, R-Florence, who has pre-filed a bill to restrict purchases of agriculture and forest land in Alabama.” *While we generally agree with the thrust of Senator Melson’s bill, we suspect the news article exaggerates the size of foreign ownership in Alabama at 1.8 million acres. We learned in the USDA report, Foreign Holdings of U.S. Agricultural Land, that foreign ownership means “a 10-percent or more interest in the entity...,” not the same as 100-percent ownership.*



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**“MOST PEOPLE ARE REALLY BAD** at personal financial planning. Among the mistakes: they save too little or they save too much; they buy the wrong amount of life insurance; they leave great sums of Social Security benefits on the table; they pay more in taxes than they should.”

**Laurence Kotlikoff** thinks he can help you with his new book, *Money Magic*. \$14.99 from [Hatchette Book Group](http://HatchetteBookGroup.com). We learned about Kotlikoff’s book in the *Goodman Institute Quarterly*, 4Q21, where we also read about John Goodman’s “Health Contract with America.” Good stuff for forest owners who are seeking better health insurance.



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**TAX INCREASE**

**WILCOX COUNTY LANDOWNERS** have a

brief opportunity to halt a proposed property tax increase. Read a letter sent to AFOA by a Wilcox County landowner at <https://bit.ly/WilcoxTax>.

**IF YOU KNOW** of any property tax increases that have been or will be proposed for other Alabama counties, please send details to [RLL@AFOA.ORG](mailto:RLL@AFOA.ORG).

**FOREST PROFILES:**

**FOREST PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS by Paige Townley**

**Bennett Lumber Company** has a history that’s practically as long as its product offerings. Located in Piedmont, Bennett Lumber was started by J.O. Bennett in 1947. “He had worked with his dad at a sawmill prior to that in Heflin, so he decided to go out on his own,” said Bennett’s grandson, Lee Hubbard, who joined the company in 2002.

When the company first began, it focused on decking for railroads — something Bennett had learned while working with his dad. But over the years, they’ve done a little bit of everything. The company had specialty products for decks, from decking to handrails and spindles. The company also produced specialized crates and a lot of siding. What the family-owned and operated company has always done is dried and dressed one-inch lumber, which they still do today. “We still run specialty products from time to time, but we dry and dress lumber every day and still run pattern lumber for interior walls too,” Hubbard said.

Bennett Lumber works heavily with southern yellow pine and sells its products all over the South. Said Hubbard, “We pride ourselves on doing what we say and offering a quality product.”





# 41st Annual Meeting

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## Alabama Forest Owners' Association, Inc.

Friday and Saturday, April 8-9, 2022

Pelham Civic Complex, 500 Amphitheater Road, Pelham, Alabama



**Hotels in Pelham:** Quality Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Sleep Inn, Best Western, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Ramada by Wyndham, Travelodge by Wyndham, Comfort Suites.

**To book a hotel call (855) 809-4608.** Give your city, state, and one of the hotels listed here.

### Friday Afternoon Forestry Field Day

1 PM (*tentative*), Friday, April 8

**Location:** Given to registered attendees.

**Description:** Field Day visit in Shelby County with a consulting forester.

**Fee:** \$5

### Friday Evening Reception

5 PM (*tentative*), Friday, April 8

**Location:** L & S Small Engine Repair, 2307 Pelham Pkwy, Pelham, AL 35124. L & S is a Husqvarna dealer with many power tools on display useful to many forest landowners.

**Description:** Find old friends - Make new friends.

**Fee:** Included with your Annual Meeting General Registration

### Saturday Morning Conference

8 - 11:45 AM, Saturday, April 9

**Location:** Conference Center in the Pelham Civic Complex, 500 Amphitheater Road, Pelham, AL 35124.

**Description:** The inside General Conference will feature light morning refreshments with exhibitors followed by four speakers and a forest landowner panel. Topics will include **Brian Murphy, HuntStand Pro app, Dr. Tammy Cushing, Tax Tips, Alex Macintosh, NCX, How to sell carbon storage rights**, and one more. The inside General Conference will conclude at 11:45 followed by lunch On-Your-Own. There are many restaurants very near the Pelham Civic Complex. After lunch, attendees will make their way to the **Field Discussions** awaiting them at Oak Mountain State Park.

**Fee:** \$35 General Registration

### Saturday Afternoon Field Discussions

1:45 PM (*tentative*), Saturday, April 9

- Prescribed Burning
- Pond Management
- Trail Creation and Maintenance

**Location:** Oak Mountain State Park, Oak Mountain Lake Road, Birmingham, AL 35242.

These activities are currently in the planning stages. These activities will take place outside weather permitting.

**Please check back here for the most up-to-date information.**

**Fee:** Included with your Annual Meeting General Registration

### Special Saturday Program for Young Landowners: Traditional Hunter Education Course

Saturday, April 9

**Location:** Oak Mountain State Park, exact location TBD

**Description:** This is an 8 hour class. Successfully completing an approved hunter education course is mandatory for all non-supervised Alabama hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977. The afternoon portion of the course is open to anyone just wanting to participate in some archery and pellet rifle instruction. Full day attendance is required for certificate.

**To register for the Hunter Education Course** contact Marisa Futral at 1-800-245-2740 or [marisa.futral@dnr.alabama.gov](mailto:marisa.futral@dnr.alabama.gov).

**Fee:** None

### Forest Owner Annual Meeting Advanced Registration Online

Use this link to register online and pay with a credit card: <https://bit.ly/afoa2022am>

The Alabama Forest Owners' Association will be taking reasonable precautions at the 2022 Annual Meeting in light of Covid-19 health concerns, but it encourages those who are at special risk from the virus (See CDC.GOV) not to attend.

### Forest Owner Annual Meeting Advanced Registration (Mail-in)

Please print name as it is to appear on name tag. Annual Meeting Refunds will be made if AFOA is notified by March 31.

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# Using Google Maps to Measure Distance and Area

By Yanli Zhang, Daniel Unger, I-Kuai Hung, and David Kulhavy

It is well-known that Google Maps can calculate driving distances based on a road network. Google Maps also can be a valuable tool for natural resource professionals, because it lets them precisely measure distances and land areas. The methodology to make real-world measurements with Google Maps on a desktop or laptop computer is described below. The Google Maps app on a smart phone or a tablet can measure distance, but not area. The free Google Earth app has distance and area measurement features.

1. In Google Maps, right click on a proposed starting location and select "Measure distance," which appears at the bottom of a list of options in a popup window (Figure 1). That location will be marked on the map.
2. Then, left click on a second location.

Google Maps marks the second point and connects it with the first location. The distance from the starting point to the second location will be labeled next to the second point. If the purpose is to have a direct measurement between these two points, your measurement is complete.

3. To measure the total length of a road, trail, stream, or other linear feature, keep left-clicking, following the feature until the end. The total length will be displayed on the screen (Figure 2).
4. If the purpose is to measure an area, left-click repeatedly along the boundary and complete the area measure by clicking on the original starting location. When the polygon is closed, the area and the perimeter distance will be reported at the bottom of the screen (Figure 3).

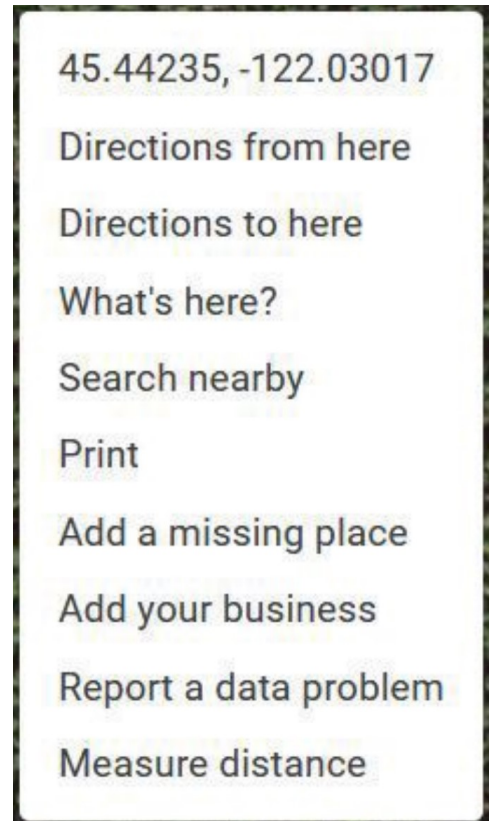
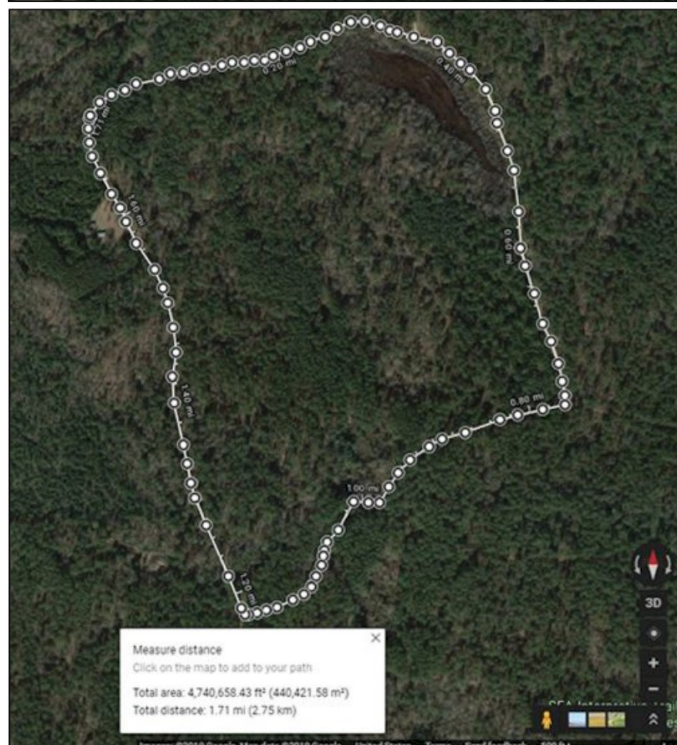
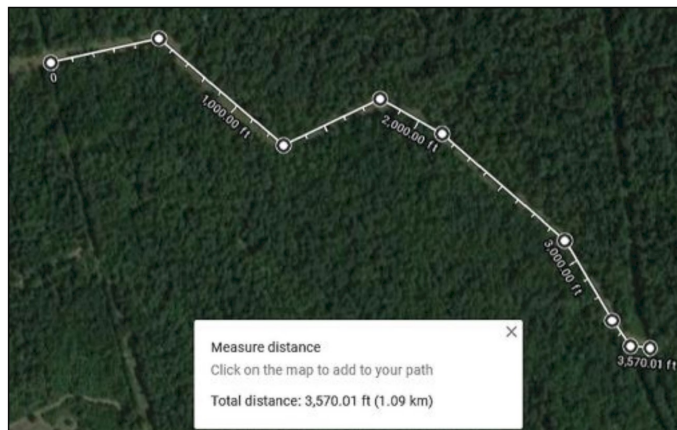


Figure 1. To measure a distance in Google Maps, right-click anywhere on the map and select "Measure distance."

5. During this procedure, the map or displayed image within Google Maps can be moved around by left clicking and holding the mouse left button. The ability to zoom in and out for a better visual perspective of the entire area can be achieved using the mouse wheel.

6. If you aren't satisfied with the original location of a point marked with a mouse click, left-click and hold on the point, then drag the point to another location. You can delete the point with a left-click.

7. When the measurement is complete, right click on the map and select "Clear measurement" to clean up the map and clear the on-screen measurements from memory before proceeding to measure another location.

To Demonstrate the ease and accuracy of making real-world measurements on-screen within Google Maps, we measured a plot on the Angelina National

Forest using this method, with corresponding screen-capture images in Figures 2-3. A forest road was used as the plot boundary. The area identified consisted of 4,740,658 ft<sup>2</sup> (108.8 acres) and the perimeter was measured to be 1.71 miles long. Within ArcGIS Desktop, the same plot was measured with an area of 4,807,769 ft<sup>2</sup> (110.4 acres) and a perimeter of 1.69 miles. The area and length values are very close. In other words, Google Maps give users a convenient method to precisely measure distance and area via a user-friendly interface.

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Figure 2 (top): Measurement of a segment of the Angelina River, on the Angelina National Forest in Texas, with Google Maps. Figure 3 (bottom): Area as measured with Google Maps on a desktop computer. The Google Maps app on a smart phone or a tablet can measure distance, but not area. The free Google Earth app has both distance and area measurement features.



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**FOREST PROFILES: CONSULTING FORESTERS**  
by Paige Townley



**Stephen Butler** always knew he wanted to be in private practice. Though entering college at Mississippi State he thought it would be in veterinary medicine, he soon discovered a love of forestry that resulted in a bachelor's degree in forestry and then a Master's in forestry business. After a stint interning for a consulting economist in Washington that led to a summer of inventory work in Alaska, Butler came home to Mississippi where he spent 10 years as the very first bank forester for Deposit Guarantee National Bank. "It was a great opportunity to work statewide and network," Butler said.

It was also great preparation for him to start his own company, TimberCorp, Inc., which he eventually did in 1989. Butler works with clients all over Mississippi and western Alabama, focusing heavily on the financial side of forestry. "It's my default mode when I meet a client," he said. "We always focus on whatever their goals are, but often it's making money so we try to maximize the return on their investment while at the same time letting them incorporate aesthetics or wildlife management as secondary goals."

**(CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)**

February 21...Columbus, Mississippi 5:30 PM. **Hardwood Management** at Lowndes County Extension Office, 485 Tom Rose Road. Speaker: Dr. Brady Self. For more information or to RSVP call (662) 328-2111.

February 21-23...Online. **Southeast Deer Study Group** will be presented virtually once again. The theme for this meeting is *The Value of Deer and Deer Hunting to the American Public*. Registration required. Fee: \$175. For more information call Matt Ross at (518) 391-8414.

February 21-25...Bullock County 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM. **Learn and Burn Live Fire Event** at Enon Plantation. A prescribed burn will be conducted on the first available burn window between the 21st - 25th. Participants must expect to be active all day walking, wearing woods clothes, and carrying tools. Limited advance notice could be given depending on weather conditions. Lunch provided. For more information contact **Greg Brewer** at (334) 329-1106.

February 24...Online 5:30 - 6:30 PM. **Small Ruminant Production Virtual Series** will be presented via Zoom. This month's session topic is Improving Goat Enterprises: Budget Management and Seasonal Marketing Tools. For more information contact **Valens Niyigena** at (256) 583-1811.

February 24...Pontotoc, Mississippi 6 PM. **Upland Hardwood Management Part 2** at the Pontotoc County Extension Office, C.J. Hardin Jr. Drive. Speaker: Dr. Brady Self. For more information or to RSVP call (662) 489-3910.

February 24...New Albany, Mississippi 6 PM. **Forest Fragmentation Management** at the Union County Extension Office, 112 Fairground Circle. Speaker: Marc Measells. For more information or to RSVP call (662) 534-1917.

February 26-27...Pike County. **Alabama Adult and Youth Trappers Education Workshop** at Coastal Plain Land & Timber, 3880 County Road 1165, Troy. See February 12-13, page 1 for more details. Fee: \$10 for adults. Contact **Mike Sievering** at (205) 340-1183.

February 28 - March 4...Escambia/Conecuh County 8 AM - 4 PM. **Learn to Burn** at a private landowner site near Brewton. Experience a day-long "start to finish" learning opportunity. **Actively participate.** The prescribed burn will be conducted on the first available burn window between February 28 - March 4. Depending on weather conditions, selected participants will be given 2 days advance notice before the program is held. Space is limited to 20 participants. For more information contact **Ryan Mitchell** at (251) 423-9145.

**MARCH 2022**

March 1...Oxford, Mississippi 6 PM. **Upland Hardwood Management Part 1** at the Lafayette County Extension Office, 70 F.D. Buddy East Parkway. Speaker: Dr. Brady Self. For more information or to RSVP call (662) 234-4451.

March 2...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Understanding Carbon Markets** will be presented via Zoom. Presenter: Jessica Kelton, Alabama Extension. Registration is required. For more information contact **Bence Carter** at (334) 693-3800.

March 2...Montgomery County 12 Noon - 1 PM. **Butterflies of Alabama** at the Armory Learning Arts Building, 1018 Madison Avenue, Montgomery. This class will show you different butterflies you

can attract to your landscape in Alabama as well as the plants and other needs to create a habitat suitable for butterflies. Bring a sack lunch. For more information call the Montgomery County Extension at (334) 270-4133.

March 3...Batesville, Mississippi 6 PM. **Small Game and Turkey Management** at the Panola County Extension Office, 245-C Eureka Street. Speaker: Dave Godwin. For more information or to RSVP call (662) 563-6260.

March 4...Barbour County 9 AM - 2 PM. **Wild Pig Management** at the Barbour Wildlife Management Area, 164 Christa Drive, Midway. This forestry tour will expose attendees to the impacts of feral swine, effective management strategies, current research, and available cost-share opportunities. Stations will be set up throughout the management area. For more information contact **Bence Carter** at (334) 389-4055.

March 4-5...Mobile County. **Alabama Cattlemen's Association (ACA) Convention & Trade Show** at the Mobile Convention Center. Fee: \$195; \$20 discount if paid by February 9. For more information call the ACA at (334) 265-1867.

March 7...Elmore County 9 AM - 12 Noon. **Forester - Chainsaw Safety Workshop** at the Elmore County Extension Office, Wetumpka. See February 21, page 3 for more details. Contact **Lynn Dickinson** at (334) 303-8360.

March 7 - May 27...Online. **Woodland Options for Landowners Online** is a twelve week self-paced course covering topics such as: Setting management goals, Forest history, Using topographic maps, Using soil surveys, Marking boundary lines, Understanding your deed, Forest ecology, and Working with natural resource professionals. Fee: \$45 per household. For more information contact **Jennifer Gagnon** at (540) 231-6391.

March 8...Online 12 Noon - 1:15 PM CT. **Forester Webinar Series: Timber vs. Lumber Prices** will be presented via Zoom. This lunch and learn is for women (*men are welcome to attend*) that own forestland or are just interested in learning more about forestry in a relaxed, fun setting. Adam Maggard, Alabama Extension Specialist & Professor, will dive into why timber prices remain low, in spite of a record high lumber prices. Pre-registration required. For more information contact **Bence Carter** at (334) 389-4055.

March 10...Coffeetown, Mississippi 6 PM. **Wild Turkey Management** at the Yalobusha County Extension Office. Speaker: Dave Godwin. For more information or to RSVP call (662) 675-2730.

March 15...Biloxi, Mississippi 9 AM - 1 PM. **Wreath Workshop for Farmers and Producers** at MSU Coastal Research and Extension Center. This training program is offered for Christmas tree growers, farmers, farmer florists, or anyone with interest in learning how to create and retail evergreen wreaths for a profit. We will discuss suitable plant materials, cold storage, and design of wreaths. Fee: \$20; lunch included. For more information contact **Jim DelPrince** at (662) 549-0521.

March 16...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Warm Season Food Plots** will be presented via Zoom. Presenter: Norm Haley, Alabama Extension. Registration is required. For more information contact **Bence Carter** at (334) 693-3800.

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March 17...Escambia County 6 PM. **Alabama Forestry Association Brewton Area Regional Reception** at The Hourglass, 220 St. Joseph Avenue, Brewton. Catch up on news of importance to your forestland investment and meet others in the forest industry in a relaxed, comfortable environment. Contact **Liz Chambers** at (334) 481-2135.

March 18...Dallas County 9 AM - 1 PM. **Wild Pig Management** at the Southern Sportsman Hunting Lodge, Tyler. This workshop will cover topics including: Top 10 Mistakes in Pig Control, Top 10 Must-Do's for Pig Control, Updates on Feral Swine Control Program, an update on USDA Wildlife Services Efforts to Control Pigs, and Equipment Demonstrations. Registration required. Contact **Lynn Dickinson** at (334) 303-8360.

March 18...Online 12 Noon CT. **It's a Family Affair: Understanding Heirs' Property and Forestland Ownership** will be presented via Zoom Webinar. Productive agricultural land remains elusive for many landowners and agricultural professionals are often limited in helping them due to complicated legal issues. Contact **James Lewis** at (919) 682-9319.

March 19...Limestone County 8 AM - 12 Noon. **Firearms 101: Introduction to Handguns** at the Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area Shooting Range, Tanner. See *February 19, page 3* for more details. For more information or registration visit <https://www.outdooralabama.com/node/24884>


March 24...Russell County 2 - 7 PM. **Spring Forestry Landowner Tour** at 508 14th Street, Phenix City. Multiple use land management topics include pine straw production, wild pig trapping, chemical release treatments, and pond management. Fee:

\$15. Contact **Jennifer Davidson**: (334) 298-6845.

March 25...Shelby County 9 AM - 1 PM. **Recreational Pond Management Workshop** at Chelsea Sports Complex, Chelsea. This workshop will cover basic fish pond management, wildlife damage control, and weed management. It will also include an outdoor electrofishing demonstration at a pond site. Bring weed and/or water sample along with you to be analyzed for free. Registration required. For more information contact **Lynn Dickinson** at (334) 303-8360.

March 31...Online 5:30 - 6:30 PM. **Small Ruminant Production Virtual Series** will be presented via Zoom. This month's session topic is Tackling Reproductive Constraints for Sheep and Goats. Contact **Valens Niyigena** at (256) 583-1811.

#### APRIL 2022

 **April 8-9...Shelby County. 2022 Alabama Forest Owners' Association ANNUAL MEETING headquartered** at the Pelham Civic Complex, Pelham, Alabama (about 1/2 mile from I-65 Exit 246). **Friday Afternoon and Evening: Forestry Field Day** at nearby private forestland followed by **Social Hour** at L & S Small Engine Repair, Husqvarna Dealer. **Saturday: Morning Educational Program** at Pelham Civic Complex. Afternoon **Forest Management Field Discussions** at Oak Mountain State Park. **Special All-Day Saturday Program for Young (16 and up) Forest Owners.** See page 4 for details.

April 12...Online 12 Noon - 1:15 PM CT. **Forester Webinar Series: Emerging Forest Pests** will be presented via Zoom. This lunch and learn is for women (*men are welcome to attend*) that own forestland or are just interested in learning more

about forestry in a relaxed, fun setting. Beau Brodbeck, Alabama Extension Specialist, will discuss how to recognize and mitigate damage from emerging forest pests. Pre-registration required. For more information contact **Bence Carter** at (334) 389-4055.

April 15...Montgomery County 9 AM - 1 PM. **Recreational Pond Management** at Elton Dean Sr. Park, Montgomery. See *March 25* for more details. Contact **Lynn Dickinson** at (334) 303-8360.

April 16...Shelby County 1 - 5 PM. **Firearms 101: Introduction to Handguns** at the Cahaba Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Shooting Range, Helena. See *February 19, page 3* for more details. For more information or registration visit <https://www.outdooralabama.com/node/24879>

April 23...Bibb County 9 AM - 3 PM. **Land Management Field Day** at the Bibb County Extension Office, Centreville. This workshop will aid the small landowner in nuisance wildlife management, invasive species identification and management, herbicides, understory control, non-timber forest products, and developing a management plan. Fee: \$10. Contact **Lynn Dickinson** at (334) 303-8360.

April 28...Online 5:30 - 6:30 PM. **Small Ruminant Production Virtual Series** will be presented via Zoom. Topics: Goat Management: Silvopasture Systems and Poisonous Plants. Contact **Valens Niyigena** at (256) 583-1811.

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**TRAPPING CLASS GRADUATES:** The Alabama Forestry Commission and Alabama Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division collaborated for a youth trapping workshop in Butler County on December 4-5. Thirteen students attended the class. Topics discussed included the history of trapping, trapping laws, ethical trapping, types of traps, and how to skin and prepare hides. Source: *TreeTopics*, 1/2022.




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**CHARCOAL BURNING: A FORGOTTEN USE OF SOUTHERN FORESTS** is a great story by Tom Straka in the Jan/Feb 2022 issue of *Forest Landowner* magazine. “In 1884 it took around 144.3 bushels of charcoal to produce one ton of pig iron and southern production was just over 116,155 tons. That is 16.8 million bushels of charcoal, requiring roughly 500,000 cords of wood. ... There were 23 charcoal iron furnaces in blast in 1884, so each furnace would be expected to clearcut [1,087 to 2,174] acres annually.” “Impressive as this is [charcoal production acres], it should be compared to the amount of land cleared for agriculture during the same period [between 1855 and 1910]. It is a mere 1.3 percent of that...” “Nationally, it was a mere pin prick.”



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