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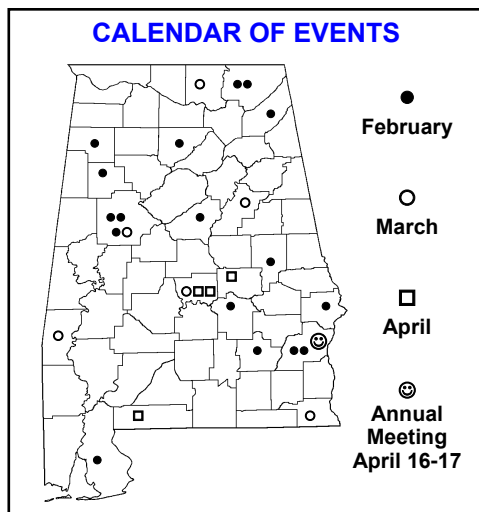
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FEBRUARY 2024

February 1...Montgomery County 10 AM. **Board Meeting of Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust** at the Alabama Forestry Commission, 513 Madison 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's limited resources (your tax money) spend up to \$15 million year after year to buy hunting land?*

February 2...Tuscaloosa County 8 AM - 5 PM. **Alabama Critical Minerals Symposium** at the Birmingham Room, Bryant Conference Center, University of Alabama, 240 Paul Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa. Topics will include subjects such as critical minerals in coal and coal-related sediments in northern Alabama, graphite and REE-bearing regolith in the Piedmont region, and critical minerals in lignites of the Coastal Plain region; but will also touch on regional, national, and global topics, including recent and planned geophysical surveys of Alabama, challenges to critical minerals production, and critical minerals application to energy transition. Fee: \$75; light breakfast and lunch included. Web address: <https://tinyurl.com/minerals2024> For more information contact **Dane VanDervoort** at (205) 247-3626.

February 5-9...Jackson County 9 AM - 4:30 PM. **Learn & Burn: Live Fire Event** in Skyline. Attendees will experience a day-long "start to finish" learning opportunity. Actively participate with ignition patterns, holding techniques, and mop up. The prescribed burn will be conducted on the first available burn window between February 5-9. Depending on weather conditions, selected participants will be given 2 days advanced notice before the program is held. Exact location will be given to registered attendees. Register early as space is usually limited. Lunch provided. For more information contact **Autumn Watrous** at (205) 516-1782.

February 5-9...Online. **Forest Health Webinar Series** will be presented via Zoom Webinar. Course content will center on forest health issues such as insects, pathogens, weeds, and invasive species. Management solutions including prevention, pesticides, biological control, etc. will be discussed. No fee. The course is daily from 12 Noon - 1 PM ET. For more information contact **James Johnson** at (706) 308-6396.

February 6...Tuscaloosa County 10 AM. **State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama Meeting** in the Board Room of Walter B. Jones Hall, 420 Hackberry Lane, Tuscaloosa. Learn more about the out of sight, out of mind natural resources of Alabama. This regularly scheduled meeting is open to the public. For more information call (205) 349-2852.

February 6...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Establishing Pine Silvopasture When Starting from Pastures or Plantations** will be presented via Zoom. Join this webinar to learn more about approaches for creating a pine silvopasture system. Part 2 of a 6 part series. Web address: <http://tinyurl.com/afoa240206> If you need assistance connecting to the webinar email contact@sref.info.

February 6-7...Online 8:30 AM - 3 PM CT. **Texas Timber Tax Virtual Workshop** is designed for forest landowners, consulting foresters, accountants, attorneys, and others who work with forest landowners in matters pertaining to timber taxes. Day 1 will cover federal taxes only. Day 2 will cover a mix. The two-day workshop will provide basic information about timber taxation and the latest changes to tax laws and rules for 2023 tax return preparations. Topics will focus on federal timber income tax issues for private forest owners with a refresher on local timberland property tax incentives. Fee: \$25. For more information contact **Melissa** at (979) 458-6650.

February 9...Online at 11:15 - 11:30 AM CT. **Fifteen Minutes in the Forest: Boundary Lines Part 2** will join Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Jason Fisher. Jason will talk more about finding and marking your property boundary lines. This event will be held via Facebook Live and YouTube Premier. For more information contact **Jason Fisher** at (434) 476-2147.

February 10-11...Jackson County. **Trappers Education Workshop** at the Jackson County Wildlife Management Area, 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 more information contact **Mike Sievering** at (205) 340-1183.

February 12...Luka, Mississippi 6:30 PM. **Mis-**

issippi Forestry Update at the Tishomingo County Fairgrounds. Speaker: James Shannon. For more information or to RSVP, call (662) 423-7016.

February 12-16...Marion County 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. **Learn to Burn** attendees will experience a day-long "start to finish" learning opportunity. Actively participate with ignition patterns, holding techniques, and mop up. The prescribed burn will be conducted on the first available burn window between February 12-16. Depending on weather conditions, selected participants will be given 2 days advanced notice before the program is held. Exact location will be given to registered attendees. Register early as space is usually limited. Lunch provided. For more information contact **Kerry Steedley** at (334) 350-0485.

February 13...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Establishing Hardwood Silvopasture Systems When Starting from Pastures or Woodlands** will be presented via Zoom. Join this webinar to learn how and what to plant to establish a silvopasture system on an existing field or pasture. Part 3 of a 6 part series. Web address: <http://tinyurl.com/afoa240213> If you need assistance connecting to the webinar email contact@sref.info.

📞 February 14...NATIONWIDE 10:00 AM Central Time. **CAPITAL IDEAS - LIVE! 15-minute Web Supported Telephone News Conference for Alabama Forest Owners.** Listen live or on the web later. To listen live on your phone, call AFOA to register at (205) 624-2225.

February 14...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Understanding and Managing Emerging Needle Diseases of Loblolly Pine in the Southeast** will be presented via Zoom. Join this webinar to learn more about common loblolly pine needle diseases across the southeastern U.S., signs of disease, and management techniques. Speaker: Dr. Caterina Villari, University of Georgia. Web address: <http://tinyurl.com/afoa240214> If you need assistance connecting to the webinar email contact@sref.info.

🍽️ February 15...Shelby County 6 - 8 PM. **Dinner and Discussion at The Fish Market Restaurant**, 5407 Highway 280, Hoover. No-host dinner at 6 PM followed by short program. Meet and talk with other landowners in a casual setting. To attend, RSVP **AFOA** at (205) 624-2225.

February 17...DeKalb County 8 AM. **Traditional Hunter Education Course** at 1904 Williams Avenue, Fort Payne. No fee. This is a one day class with lunch provided on-site. To register, email **Scott Kellenberger** at scott.kellenberger@dcnr.alabama.gov. Successfully completing an approved hunter edu-

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STANDING TIMBER VALUES				
PINE	Pulpwood \$ per ton		Chip-N-Saw \$ per ton	
Alabama	4Q22	4Q23	4Q22	4Q23
North	5.88	5.34	17.52	18.15
South	11.14	8.91	18.97	20.17
Average	8.51	7.13	18.25	19.16
Pine Pulpwood — 5,350 lbs./cord Pine Sawtimber — 15,000 lbs./1000 Board Feet (Scribner) 4th Quarter, 2022 (4Q22) and 4th Quarter, 2023 (4Q23) from Timber Mart-South, University of Georgia. ★ For subscription details: call (706) 247-7660 or visit www.timbermart-south.com				

- Dow-Jones Industrial Average: 37905.45
 - 10-year Treasury yield: 4.141%
 - Dollar: 148.38 Yen; Euro: \$1.0855
 - Oil: \$74.37/barrel
 - Gold: \$2,023.70/roy ounce
- Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, 1/24/24

HARDWOOD STUMPAGE PRICES IN THE SOUTH: Pulpwood was highest in Alabama at \$15.22 per ton and lowest in Tennessee at \$4.52. Sawtimber was highest in Alabama at \$40.41 per ton and lowest in South Carolina at \$22.09. Source: *TimberMart-South ~ Market News Quarterly*, 4Q2023.

STOCK MARKET REPORT			
Company or Fund Name		Price Per Share	
		01/17/23	01/15/24
PotlatchDeltic Corp. (PCH)	REIT	44.03	47.37
Rayonier (RYN)	REIT	34.41	31.72
Weyerhaeuser Co. (WY)	REIT	31.82	33.07
Louisiana Pacific (LPX)		63.60	67.68
WestRock (WRK)		37.10	41.24
CUT	ETF	31.80	31.16
WOOD	ETF	75.93	78.29
Stock Market Report courtesy of Alan Jordan, Birmingham Investment Group, Birmingham, Alabama.			

“DURING THE BOOM PERIOD of 1994 to 2006, adjusted [housing] starts were in excess of 1.2 million. We find ourselves back in that range, with November adjusted starts surpassing 1.31 million. ... If it stays above 1.2 million for several months, we could start to see demand impact timber stumpage prices.” Source: Marshall Thomas, CEO, F&W Forestry Services, in their *Winter 2023-24 Forestry Report*.

EXPORTS TO CHINA, YTD — NOV. 2023: US southern yellow pine (SYP) log, hardwood log, and hardwood lumber exports were down, but SYP lumber exports more than doubled. Source: *TimberMart-South ~ Market News Quarterly*, 4Q2023.

LUMBER & SHEATHING PRICES		
	01/19/23	01/18/24
2 x 4 untreated framing lumber*	\$420	\$450
7/16" Oriented Strand Board **	\$205	\$355
* 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)		

“THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT of pulp and paper facility closures across North America on the timber industry and its raw materials supply chain is historic and can't be overstated, [reported *North American Woodfiber & Biomass Markets* newsletter, 11/23], as an estimated 15 million tons of roundwood and chip consumption have been taken off the market in 2023—about 17% of total wood consumption in 2022.

“The newsletter notes that beginning with five announcements in 2020, during the past four years there's been a total of 22 major U.S. pulpwood mill and machine closures that have taken a cumulative 30 million green tons a year in log and chip consumption off the market.

“There are big implications for such a shift in demand that are just beginning to sink in as the supply chain adjusts. Will a significant percentage of the same pulpwood logs that were going to these facilities now find their way to wood bioenergy facilities?” Source: *Wood Bioenergy, from the editor*, December 2023.

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cation course is mandatory for all non-supervised Alabama hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977. There are some exceptions. There are other courses being taught at various locations and dates as well as online only courses. For additional information contact [Marisa Futral](#) at 1-800-245-2740.

February 17...Fayette County 9 AM - 2 PM. **Trapping Workshop** at the Fayette County Extension Office, 650 McConnell Loop, Fayette. In this family-friendly workshop, you will learn the pros and cons of managing predators to increase game populations and also the traps and techniques for animal control in urban areas, uplands, and in water. This workshop will focus on small to medium sized wildlife. Wild hogs will not be the subject of this event. Fee: \$5; lunch provided. For more information contact [Kerry Steedley](#) at (334) 350-0485.

February 17-18...Baldwin County. **Trappers Education Workshop** at the District V Wildlife Office, 30571 Five Rivers Boulevard, Spanish Fort. The workshop passes on the historical aspects of trapping, biological information concerning furbearers and furbearer management. Students will appreciate the use of trapping as a sound wildlife management tool. Recommended ages 7 and up. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$10. For more information contact [Mike Sievering](#) at (205) 340-1183.

February 19...Russell County 9 AM - 3 PM. **Wildlife Trapping Essentials Workshop** at the Old Seale Courthouse, 5 Jackson Street. This program will cover ins and outs of trapping techniques to remove nuisance wildlife and predators to help you protect and enhance timber and wildlife resources. After the indoor presentations, the program will proceed outdoors for a hands-on training by professionals. Fee: \$15; lunch included. For more information contact [Jennifer Davidson](#) at (334) 298-6845.

February 19-23...Tallapoosa County 8:30 AM - 4 PM. **Learn to Burn** at Wind Creek State Park. Attendees will experience a day-long "start to finish" learning opportunity. Actively participate with ignition patterns, holding techniques, and mop up. The prescribed burn will be conducted on the first available burn window between February 19-23. Depending on weather conditions, selected participants will be given 2 days advanced notice before the program is held. Register early as space is usually limited. Lunch provided. For more information contact [Bence Carter](#) at (334) 389-4055.

February 20...Online 11 AM - 12 Noon CT. **Why I Chose the Family Business** is presented by The Family Business Consulting Group (FBCG). If your family has a business, you may have considered whether a career there is the right choice for you. Many look back at their decision to join the family business as both immensely rewarding and uniquely challenging. For more information contact [Kristi Daeda](#) at (773) 784-5008.

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"WASHINGTON GLACIERS GROW: Glaciers in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains are growing, according to Dr. Richard C. Hubley of the University of Washington. Of 73 glaciers measured, 50 have been advancing during the past 12 years and the remaining 23 have been increasing in thickness. This marks a sharp reversal of the previous 20 years' shrinkage. During the last 10 years, Hubley says, the mean annual temperature in western Washington has decreased 1½ degrees and mean annual precipitation has increased 15 inches." Source: *Popular Mechanics*, September 1956.

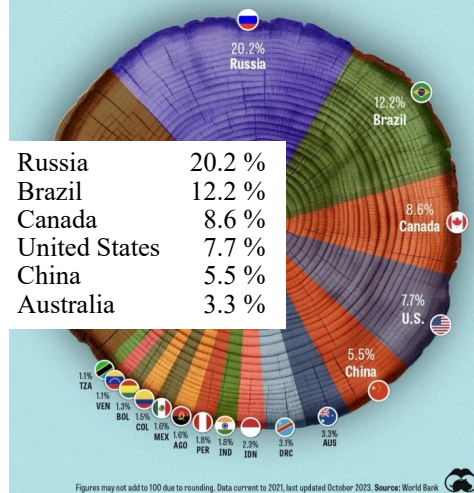



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FOREST PROFILES:

FOREST PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS

by Paige Townley

When **Wholesale Wood Products** got its start in the 1970s, it started out small like any other business. But since then, the company has grown into a major cypress manufacturer.

The company was founded by George C. "Chuck" Harris and Jim Stuckey. Having spent well over a decade in lumber and plywood sales, the two established Wholesale Wood Products in Dothan. Today, the company has two locations, one still in Dothan and one in Birmingham, both of which offer a range of wood products, including western red cedar, kiln-dried cypress, spruce, radiata, eastern white pine, and southern yellow pine. Wholesale Wood Products also offers a hardwood division, which includes everything from domestic hardwoods such as hickory, walnut, and red oak, to imported and domestic plywood and imported hardwoods.

Though over the years the Wholesale Wood Products team and business has grown, the company still focuses on what it did in its early days: providing customers all over the South with only the highest quality wood products.



43rd Annual Meeting
of the
Alabama Forest Owners' Association, Inc.
Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16-17, 2024
Lakepoint State Park Lodge, 104 Lakepoint Drive, Eufaula, AL 36027



To Register Online: Scan the QR Code or use <http://tinyurl.com/afoa24am>

If you don't wish to register online, use the mail-in form below.

Forestry Field Day

1 PM (*tentative*), Tuesday, April 16

Location: Meet point given to registered attendees.

Description: Field Day Leader: Richard Cristan, Auburn University. Richard will focus on Best Management Practices for water quality. Attendees will meet at the field day location (self-driven). **Limited to 50 participants.**

Fee: \$5.00; a General Registration is also required.

Park Naturalist Walk

3 PM, Tuesday, April 16

Location: Meet point given to registered attendees.

Description: Join Kelly Reetz, Park Naturalist, for a walk covering a variety of topics such as: Tree ID, Wildlife, Trail Building & Maintenance Suggestions, Tick-bite Prevention, Prescribed Burn, and Animal Tracks. **Limited to 20 participants.**

Fee: Included with your General Registration

YellaWood Tour

1 PM (*tentative*), Tuesday, April 16

Location: Meet point given to registered attendees.

Requirements: No photos. Must be able to safely/comfortably walk & climb stairs. Close-toed shoes. Personal protection equipment (hardhats, safety glasses, ear plugs, & safety vests) will be provided and must be worn. **Limited to 40 participants.**

Fee: \$5.00; a General Registration is also required.

Reception/Social Hour

5:30 PM, Tuesday, April 16

Location: Lakepoint State Park Lodge, Eufaula, AL.

Description: Details still to come.

Fee: Included with your General Registration

Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge Tour

2 PM, Tuesday, April 16

Location: Will be given to registered attendees.

Description: The tour will focus on upland & wetland habitat management. This will be a self-driven tour guided by John Earle, Refuge Manager. **Limited to 25 participants.**

Fee: Included with your General Registration

Main Conference

8 AM - 4 PM, Wednesday, April 17

Location: Lakepoint State Park Lodge, Conference Center.

Description: The General Conference will feature morning coffee with exhibitors followed by experts speaking on a variety of topics of interest to forest owners. Lunch will be provided around Noon followed by a few more speakers until the meeting adjourns around 4 PM. Door prize recipients will be selected after the last speaker.

Fee: \$65 General Registration / \$75 Late Registration begins April 1.

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 April 8, 2024.

Name: _____ **Spouse:** _____

Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____

City, State, & Zip: _____ **Email:** _____

Annual Meeting General Registration (*required for every attendee*)

Reception (*For a more accurate headcount*)

The optional items below will overlap. Pick one per person. No meals are provided with items below.

Forestry Field Day

YellaWood Tour

National Wildlife Refuge Tour

Park Naturalist Walk

of Attendees

_____ **@ \$65 per person** _____
\$75 per person after March 31

_____ **@ \$ Included** _____

_____ **@ \$5 per person** _____

_____ **@ \$5 per person** _____

_____ **@ \$ Included** _____

_____ **@ \$ Included** _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Complete and return registration form with check, M.O., or credit card information below to:
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PLANNING YOUR TRIP TO EUFAULA



The Yellowwood Tour and the Forestry Field Day are not next door to the park, so after you register for the meeting and we have given you starting point information, be sure to plot your route to the state park on a map. It may be more convenient to drive directly to the Tour or the Field Day, rather than arriving at the park first. The Park Naturalist Walk will begin near the conference center entrance at the park, and the Refuge is only a short drive from the park.

Do you have family along that will not be attending the annual meeting or are you staying an extra day? Here are just a few of the activities available at Lakepoint State Park.

Trails at Lakepoint State Park

There are 5 miles of trails inside of Lakepoint State Park and many more in the adjoining nature preserve (Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge). Most of the 7 trails inside of the park are about one mile long and easy to moderate. There are maps available at the marina and the front desk at The Lodge.

Geocaching is popular in all of the Alabama state parks. More information can be found on the [official park website](#).



Fishing at Lakepoint State Park

The 'Bass Capital of the World' is also a great place to fish for panfish, crappie, bream and catfish. Fishing licenses, bait and other supplies can be purchased at the marina.

ORV at Lakepoint State Park

Lakepoint State Park has a 6 mile course plus 2 skills areas for off-road vehicles (ORV). The course was designed to be a diverse ride and contains dirt embankments and rocky sections.

It's a family friendly adventure course with something for every skill level from beginner to the more advanced rider. The two skills areas help prepare the rider for each course. There is one for novices and one for more experienced riders. For more details on riding your ORV or renting one, visit this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/afoa24orv>



For room reservations at Lakepoint State Park Lodge call (334) 687-8011. To receive the special room rate, mention Alabama Forest Owners' Association - **Group Code 6542**.

Here are a few other hotels nearby in Eufaula:

Hampton Inn Eufaula - (334) 687-0777

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Dwarf Chinquapin Oak	Black Berries
Callaway Crab Apple	Tree Protectors
Yates Apple	Persimmon

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PEAKFINDER: We doubt if you'll use the PeakFinder App much in Alabama, but we suspect AFOA members travel a bit and might like to know the names of distant mountain peaks. The PeakFinder App might be fun to have. About \$5 in the App Store.



FOREST PROFILES: CONSULTING FORESTERS by Paige Townley



Eddie Stone's background in forestry is extensive. After getting his Master's degree in forest business from Mississippi State University in 1988, he immediately began working in the industry. Various jobs brought him experience in both land management and procurement, from buying wood for a mill and helping manage a timberland base to site preparation and tree planting.

In 1999, he ventured out on his own to start his own consulting firm, **Forever Green, Inc.** From tree planting to timber sales, Stone helps his clients with practically any land-related need. He even became a realtor in order to help clients buy or sell property too. At this point in his career, much of his Moody, Alabama-based business has become helping seniors with estate management. He works with clients to put together a customized plan based on their unique needs, whether that be maximizing a timber sale for their needs and replanting in order to leave an income stream for their children or helping them sell land. "The goal is to maximize the value for the landowner," Stone said. "I love helping clients of all ages, particularly seniors who need a guide to ensure they make the decision that's best for them."

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February 20...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **From Forage to Livestock: Managing Animals in a Silvopasture System** will be presented via Zoom. Join this webinar to learn different aspects of managing animals in a silvopasture system from determining which animals, how much land they need, to introducing them to the silvopasture. Part 4 of a 6 part series. Web address: <http://tinyurl.com/afoa240220> If you need assistance connecting to the webinar email contact@sref.info.

February 21...Lake City, Florida 10 AM - 3 PM ET. **Feral Hog Workshop** at 437 NW Hall of Fame Drive. This workshop provide information about feral hog management from presentations by researchers and land managers, interact with local feral hog contractors/trappers, and network with private landowners. Lunch provided for those who RSVP by February 18. Contact Lanie Carter at (386) 234-1030.

February 21-23...Athens, Georgia. **Southeastern Society of American Foresters Annual Meeting** at The Classic Center, 300 N. Thomas Street. Fee: \$575 non-member. For more information contact Susan McMichael at (706) 457-1842 or.

February 23...Online at 11:15 - 11:30 AM CT. **Fifteen Minutes in the Forest: Cooking Wood** will join Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Neil Clark to learn more about the importance of wood for cooking. This event will be held via Facebook Live and YouTube Premier. For more information contact Neil Clark at (757) 653-2572.

February 24...Barbour County 8 AM - 5 PM. **Traditional Hunter Education Course** at Eufaula Country Outdoors, 227 East Broad Street, Eufaula. No fee. This is a one day class with a one hour lunch break. Bring your lunch. To register, call Blair Sistrunk at (334) 775-3434. Successfully completing an approved hunter education course is mandatory for all non-supervised Alabama hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977. There are some exceptions. There are other courses being taught at various locations and dates as well as online only courses. For additional information contact Marisa Futral at 1-800-245-2740.

February 24-25...Pike County. **Trappers Education Workshop** at Coastal Plain Land & Timber, 3880 County Road 1165, Troy. The workshop passes on the historical aspects of trapping, biological information concerning furbearers and furbearer management. Recommended ages 7 and up. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$10. For more information contact Mike Sievering at (205) 340-1183.

February 26 - March 1...Barbour County 8 AM. **Learn to Burn** attendees will experience a day-long "start to finish" learning opportunity. Actively participate with ignition patterns, holding techniques, and mop up. The prescribed burn will be conducted on the first available burn window between February 26 - March 1. Depending on weather conditions, selected participants will be given 2 days advanced notice

before the program is held. Register early as space is usually limited. For more information contact Bence Carter at (334) 389-4055.

February 26 - March 1...Cullman County 8 AM - 3:30 PM. **Learn & Burn: Live Fire Event** at a location to be given to registered attendees. Participants will experience a day-long "start to finish" learning opportunity. Actively participate with ignition patterns, holding techniques, and mop up. The prescribed burn will be conducted on the first available burn window between February 26 - March 1. Depending on weather conditions, selected participants will be given 2 days advanced notice before the program is held. Register early as space is usually limited. Lunch provided. For more information contact Brad Nail at (334) 481-2154.

February 27...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Moving Towards a Silvopasture System: Getting Started** will be presented via Zoom. Establishing silvopasture systems takes knowledge, hard work, and money, however, there are many resources that can help. Join this webinar to learn about the various programs and organizations available to assist with expertise and funds. Part 5 of a 6 part series. Web address: <http://tinyurl.com/afoa240227> If you need assistance connecting to the webinar email contact@sref.info.

February 29...Tuscaloosa County 6 - 8 PM. **Alabama Forestry Association Tuscaloosa Area Regional Reception** at The Cypress Pavilion, 501 Rice Mine Road. 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 2024

March 5...Statewide. **Primary Elections**

March 5...Online 12 Noon - 1 PM CT. **Silvopasture Producers Share Their Stories** will be presented via Zoom. Learn from the experiences of various silvopasture producers in this webinar. This panel discussion will be a question-and-answer format, where participants can ask their burning questions. Final segment of this 6 part series. Web address: <http://tinyurl.com/afoa240305> If you need assistance connecting to the webinar email contact@sref.info.

March 6...Autauga County 12 Noon - 1 PM. **Lunch & Learn: Pond Weed Identification and Control** at the Autauga County Extension, 2226 Alabama Highway 14, Autaugaville. If you have pond weeds you would like identified, bring a sample. In addition, bring a sample of your pond water for testing. Pack a lunch to enjoy during the presentation. For more information contact Lynn Dickinson at (334) 303-8360.

March 7...Houston County 6 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at The Plant, 308 N. St. Andrews Street, Dothan. Attend the cook-off and enjoy live music, door prizes, youth activities, and

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MEMBER SERVICE REQUESTS

- ☐ I own 40 or more acres of forestland in Alabama and would like, at no cost to me, an Initial Consultation with a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters.*
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sample wild game recipes. Fee: \$50 for up to 2 adults. Youth 15 and under free. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at 1-800-822-9453.

March 12-13...Atlanta, Georgia. **Wood Bioenergy Conference & Expo** at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park. This event caters to the wood-to-energy industry, including industrial wood pellets, biomass power, biofuels, in-woods chipping and biomass procurement. Approximately 40 speakers will address new projects, technologies and markets in those industries. Fee: \$479. For more information contact [Dianne](#) at (334) 834-1170.

March 14...Online 9 AM - 4 PM CT. **Applied Forest Finance** class details the step-by-step financial analysis required to answer key investment and forest management questions. Learn how to identify, value, and rank timber and forestry investments. Fee: \$580; \$80 discount if paid before February 29. CE hours available. For more information contact [Pamela Smith](#) at (770) 725-8447.

March 16...Talladega County 4 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega. Fee: \$40/person; Youth 15 and under free. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at 1-800-822-9453.

March 22-24...Roanoke, Virginia. **Forest Farming Conference: Gather to Grow** at the Hotel Roanoke. The conference will feature learning, networking, and strategic planning programs that will shape the future of forest farming of

woodland crops such as botanicals, mushrooms, and decorative products in Appalachia and beyond. Fee: \$210. For more information email John Munsell at jfmunsell@vt.edu.

March 26...Madison County. **Special General Election** will be held for the vacant Alabama House District 10 seat due to the resignation of State Representative David Cole.

March 26...Tuscaloosa County 10 AM. **State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama Meeting** in the Board Room of Walter B. Jones Hall, Tuscaloosa. For more information call (205) 349-2852.

March 28...Choctaw County 6 PM. **Alabama Forestry Association Butler Area Regional Reception** at Ezell's Fish Camp, Lavaca. Contact [Liz Chambers](#) at (334) 481-2135.

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April 3...Autauga County 12 Noon - 1 PM. **Lunch and Learn: Soil Testing** at the Autauga County Extension Office, Autaugaville. Regional Extension Agent Chip East will be teaching all about soil testing. He will discuss why you should test your soil before planting, how to gather a sample, and how to read the results. Bring a lunch to enjoy. For more information contact [Lynn Dickinson](#) at (334) 303-8360.

April 5...Madison County, Florida. **Landowner Tour** at Terry Putnal's property. Terry is the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year. Join other landowners and professionals to explore a diversified timber and pine straw operation. Some walking required, so wear appropriate

clothing. Space is limited. Tentatively rescheduled from March 29. Fee: \$15; lunch included. For more information contact [Chris Demers](#) at (352) 846-2375.

April 5...Autauga County 10 AM - 1 PM. **Recreational Pond Management** at Pratt Park, Prattville. Weed issues, fertilization, stocking fish. We will also tackle wildlife issues such as beaver and otter control. Fee: \$5. For more information contact [Lynn Dickinson](#) at (334) 303-8360.

April 11...Escambia County 6 PM. **Alabama Forestry Association Brewton Area Regional Reception** at The Hourglass, Brewton. Contact [Liz Chambers](#) at (334) 481-2135.

  April 16-17...Barbour County. **2024 AFOA ANNUAL MEETING** at the Lakepoint State Park Lodge & Convention Center. For details see the mail-in registration form on page 4-5 in this newsletter. Online registration available at: <http://tinyurl.com/afoa24am> For general meeting questions call AFOA (Billy) at (205) 624-2225.

April 18...Elmore County 6 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at Alabama Wildlife Federation Headquarters, Millbrook. Fee: \$50 for up to 2 adults. Youth 15 and under free. Call the AWF at 1-800-822-9453.

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"LARGE SCALE USE OF PELLET FUEL is Coming to the U.S. Electric Utility Sector" is the title of a presentation to be given by William Strauss, Future Metrics, at the Wood Bioenergy Conference & Expo, March 12-13 in Atlanta. See page 7, lower left column.

BENEFITS OF PAYING SELF-EMPLOYMENT TAX: *Progressive Farmer* Tax Columnist Rod Mauszycki, in his January 2024 column, tries to explain why, for young farmers, it may be a good idea to not shift all income into capital gains to avoid paying self-employment taxes (about 15%). He points out that about 19% of farmers become disabled, and the disability benefits from Social Security might be worth the pain of paying the tax. It's a complicated topic, but for those forest owners who are commercially raking pine straw or cutting firewood, it may be worth it to read his column. Find it here: <https://bit.ly/3HxmYcV>.

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those who do, you will likely find helpful The National Agricultural Law Center's webinar, **"An Overview of Landowners' Rights in Federal Rail-to-Trail Conversions."** View and listen to a recording on the web at <https://bit.ly/3Scscj2>.

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A LANDOWNER CALLED AFOA LAST MONTH asking about the going rate for hunting leases in his county (central Alabama). He's been getting \$7 per acre. AFOA told him that many forest owners north of Birmingham are getting \$10 or more per acre if the land looks good to the hunters; south of Birmingham, \$15 is a good asking price and many landowners get more. Which brings to mind this Foundation for Economic Education story: **Why Are Some Diamond Brands So Expensive?** "People weren't just purchasing jewelry, I realized. They were paying for **Bragging Rights.**" Read more at <https://bit.ly/3vlnToe>.

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WHAT IS PORE SPACE? we asked the Bing search engine. "Pore space is generally considered a subsurface property right, and is defined as the empty space between grains of rock, fractures, and voids. In the United States, the person who owns the pore space in the ground is generally the person who owns the surface estate." We then asked Bing: Can a surface owner lease underground pore space? Bing answered: the surface owner "...has storage rights. However, in states that follow the American rule, a surface owner can't lease the underground pore space until the owner of the mineral estate has completely depleted the minerals." Pore Space leasing rights, reported Chris Isaacson, CEO, Alabama Forestry Association, at a recent Alabama Forestry Council meeting, are under discussion.

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LAST MONTH: Hope you were "...content as a cat in a basket by a fire on a winter's day." Source: Jenna Woginrich in *Northern Woodlands*, Winter 2023.



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THE EPA HAS PROPOSED new reporting requirements for prescribed burners. "The Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) subsequently submitted comments about challenges associated with the increased data collection proposed by the EPA regarding prescribed burning. AFC contends that small-scale landowners cannot feasibly uphold the rigorous proposed reporting measures."

- **Actual Acres Burned:** Issuing burn permits requires an estimation of acres burned, because reporting actual acres burned is highly variable and difficult to enforce. No data collection system exists to collect and track actual acres burned.

- **Pile Burning:** Alabama does not require burn permits for pile and debris burning; burns are only prescribed for agriculture and silviculture. Landowners are unable to estimate emissions from these burn types.

- **Fuel Moisture:** Fuel moisture is not required reporting in Alabama, nor is this reporting practice reasonable to expect from landowners and burn practitioners.

- **Burn Perimeter Geographic Information System Shape:** It is not feasible for private landowners and burn practitioners to adequately collect GIS mapping data.

Source: *TimberMart-South*, MNQ, 4Q2023.

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