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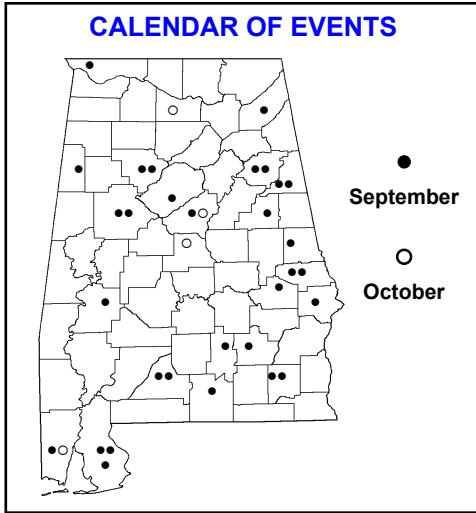
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 2019

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

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

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

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

September 6...DeKalb County. **Progressive Agriculture Safety Day (Kids Only)** at Sylvania High School, Sylvania. 3rd grade students only. Contact [Joey Haymon](mailto:Joey.Haymon@alabamaforestowners.org) at (256) 638-5551.

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

September 6...Teleconference Noon CT. **First Fridays Forestry Update** hosted by the American Forest Foundation (AFF) is a conference call briefing on Washington, D.C. happenings

and AFF lobbying activities. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions and share your concerns. Dial-in number: 1-866-299-7945 and Participant code: 2594#

September 8-10...Baldwin County. **Alabama Forestry Association Annual Meeting** at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach. Fee: \$495. Contact [Liz Chambers](mailto:Liz.Chambers@alabamaforestowners.org) at (334) 481-2135.

September 9...Lee County 8 AM - 4 PM. **ForestHer Wildlife Management: A Workshop for Women Who Love the Land** at the ALFA Building, 961 S. Donahue Drive, Auburn. This workshop for women will feature presentations about wildlife management in a relaxed, fun setting. Fee: \$65. Contact [Becky Barlow](mailto:Becky.Barlow@alabamaforestowners.org) at (334) 844-1019.

September 10...Cleburne County 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. **Bats & Forest Workshop** at the Cleburne Mountain Center, 6751 Highway 78, Heflin. The workshop includes a field trip to the Shoal Creek Ranger District, Talladega National Forest. Fee: \$10. For more information call Allison Cochran at (205) 489-5111.

September 10...Lee County 8 AM - 4 PM. **ForestHer Pond Management: A Workshop for Women Who Love the Land** at the ALFA Building, 961 S. Donahue Drive, Auburn. This workshop for women will feature presentations about pond management in a relaxed, fun setting. Fee: \$65. Contact [Becky Barlow](mailto:Becky.Barlow@alabamaforestowners.org) at (334) 844-1019.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STANDING TIMBER VALUES				
PINE	Sawtimber		Power Poles	
	\$ per ton		\$ per ton	
Alabama	2Q18	2Q19	2Q18	2Q19
North	22.95	23.41	45.57	48.26
South	24.45	23.76	46.37	53.22
Average	23.70	23.59	45.97	50.74

Pine Sawtimber — 15,000 lbs./1000 Board Feet (Scribner)
 2nd Quarter, 2018 (2Q18) and 2nd Quarter, 2019 (2Q19)
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Company or Fund Name		Price Per Share	
		08/15/18	08/15/19
PotlatchDeltic Corp. (PCH)	REIT	45.90	36.49
Rayonier (RYN)	REIT	34.58	26.85
Weyerhaeuser Co. (WY)	REIT	34.50	24.78
Louisiana Pacific (LPX)		29.18	22.76
WestRock (WRK)		54.96	32.60
CUT	ETF	31.42	24.20
WOOD	ETF	74.50	53.09

Stock Market Report courtesy of Howard Sokol, Raymond James Financial Services, Birmingham, Alabama.

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

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- Dow-Jones Industrial Average: 26252.24
 - 10-year Treasury yield: 1.613%
 - Dollar: 106.44 Yen; Euro: \$1.1082
 - Oil: \$55.35/barrel
 - Gold: \$1,497.30/roy ounce
- Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, 08/23/19

“...11 NEW OR REBUILT sawmills that have commenced production represent nearly 1.9 billion board feet of additional Southern softwood lumber capacity. Together with the 20 mills that have already completed expansion/upgrade projects, over 2.4 billion board feet of Southern lumber capacity has been added since 2017, increasing total Southern softwood lumber capacity to over 20.3 billion board feet, or a 14% increase over 2016 levels.” Source *TimberMart-South~In Depth & In Focus*, 2Q19.

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

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

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

September 13...Pike County 9 AM - 3 PM. **Forest Management & Planning** at the Pike County Extension Office, 306 South Three Notch Street, Troy. Topics: Timber Market Outlook, Tax Update, Adverse Possession, Timber Trespass, Cost & Trends of Forestry Practices, and More. Limited seating. Fee: \$50. To register, call the Wiregrass Research Center at (334) 693-2010.

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

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

September 17...Lauderdale County 9:30 AM. **AFOA Forestry Field Day** will meet at the Waterloo Boat Ramp (North Side) in Waterloo. GPS Coord: 34.91518; -88.05868. We will caravan to the property, take the tour, then caravan back to Oakland Café for a Dutch Treat lunch. Come meet with **Consulting Forester Billy Rye**. Topic: The Value of a Consulting Forester. We will answer the following questions: What is a Consulting Forester? What does a Consulting Forester do? How can a Consulting Forester be of value to me? RSVP **Pat Richeson** at (205) 624-2225.

September 17...Jacksonville, Florida 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM ET. **Pond Management Workshop** at Three Covies Preserve, 11450 Branan Field Road. Topics: Weed management, Electrofishing, Water chemistry, Fish health, Bank management, and Grass Carp licensing. Bring plants and water samples for free analysis. Fee: \$20; lunch included. Call Duval Extension Office at (904) 255-7450.

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

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

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WILD GAME COOK-OFFS have been



held around the state for 23 years by the Alabama Wildlife Federation. If you haven't attended one, there are two listed in our Calendar of Events this month.

See page 6, September 19 in Birmingham, and page 7, October 1 in Decatur. When you attend, you'll find a dozen or so cooking teams eager to have you sample their specialties that might contain venison, duck, quail, and more. Bring your appetite.

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MATH PROBLEM for family entertainment and learning. Gather the stumpage prices from this and the last two months' copies of *Capital Ideas* (top left column, page 2). Pine sawtimber and power poles this month, Pine pulpwood and chip-n-saw last month, and Hardwood pulpwood and Oak sawtimber in the July issue. Multiply the price per ton of each stumpage category by the number of tons reported in your latest timber cruise. What? You don't know how much wood is on your land. Maybe it's time to find out.



PALS, the group that sponsors those Adopt-A-Mile signs, has been put in the state General Fund budget to the tune of \$100,000.

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FOREST PROFILES:

FOREST PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS
 by Paige Townley

McShan Lumber Company has had a presence in Alabama for decades. In fact, the company has been producing lumber for more than 100 years.

Around 1907, Nathan McShan, built a rough sawmill and started producing lumber. Just a few short years later, Nathan's brother, Tyler, purchased a plantation and began operating the sawmill that today is the current site of McShan Lumber Company.

A lot has changed at McShan Lumber over the last century—it's now a high-tech sawmill that produces high-grade southern yellow pine. While the company purchases its wood locally—located just west of Tuscaloosa, many of its logs are sourced out of Mississippi—the company exports approximately 40% of its production, which is upwards of 40 million board feet per year. Two aspects of the company, however, that haven't changed over time are the fact it's a family company—the company is in its fifth generation of the family—and they are focused on sustainability. "Everything that comes out of our mill is certified sustainable," said Grover Allgood, vice president of procurement. "That's important to us, as is the high quality. That's what really sets our lumber apart."

Safe Hunting Tips

from the **Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries**

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

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

Common Causes of Alabama Hunting Incidents

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Alabama Sportsman's Pledge

I pledge to conduct myself as a true sportsman and will always:

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun
2. Always point my gun in a safe direction
3. Be sure of my target before I shoot
4. Never put a loaded gun in or on an automobile
5. Always respect the landowner and his/her property and be considerate of other hunters.

Leaving the woods on a pretty day

By Curtis Seltzer 10/24/2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

An "old-growth" hardwood forest of 100- to 200-year-

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

As the giants die, fall over and decay, sprouts, saplings and young trees mix in where space has opened.

I've hiked through a patch of 300-year-old hardwood forest. The size of the battered survivors inspires awe but not more than that inspired by the wreckage and upheaval on the ground.

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

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

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

Humans leave behind offspring, more often than not.

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

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

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



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

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

Anyway, I think it's important to leave children something you made from scratch, apart from things you did.

They prove that you once made something tangible from nothing. I'm not sure why this might matter, but I don't think it can hurt.

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

It's not the same, not as good.

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

A moment like this is worth passing along.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Did you know AFOA's Hunting Lease Liability Insurance may be used to cover leases to mountain bike clubs?

Give your answer(s) at
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In December we'll give an AFOA cap to one participant from our 2019 Questions.

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


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If there’s one thing **John Britt** enjoys, it’s a challenge. Especially when it involves helping a landowner find a solution to a problem. That’s what he’s done for the past 30 years as a consulting forester in east-central Alabama, west-central Georgia, Tennessee and Arkansas. “I try to do innovative things when it comes to forest management,” Britt explained. “I’ve done a lot of work with spacing arrangements and planting trees to facilitate future operations and then have also done some innovative herbicide application work. When I see a challenge, I look for a solution.”

Some of that approach comes from his industrial forestry background. He worked with Mead Corporation, running the reforestation program, and then MeadWestVaco for many years. When he had the opportunity to start his own management company, he did and never looked back. “It has been a fun and rewarding experience,” he said. [I love figuring out what the landowner wants to have on their property and then helping them achieve their objectives.](#)

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- its. Fee: \$2,400. Contact [Sara Wu](#) at (503) 228-1367.
- September 17-20...Tuscaloosa County. **Alabama Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Certification Course** at Alabama Fire College, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa. Fee: \$150. Limited seating. For more information call Marti Davis at (334) 240-9332. Parking lot at the western end of the fire college facility; sign will be at the building where class will be held.
- September 18...Athens, Georgia. **Forest Innovation Reviews Forum** sponsored by the US Endowment for Forestry. Ideas presented about forests, forest management, forest products, and forest-rich communities conveyed through short talks. For more information contact [Carlton Owen](#) at (864) 233-7646.
- September 18...Dale County. **Alabama Tortoise Alliance** at Hoppergrass Restaurant, Ozark. Fee: \$20; lunch included. Contact [Ericha Nix](#) at (334) 242-3469.
- September 18...Baldwin County 9:30 AM. **Landowner Tour** at Confederate Conservation Bluff, 41241 County Road 86, Bay Minette. **Topics:** Management Goals, Aerial Drone Mapping for Forest Landowners, Certifications, Prescribed Burning for Longleaf, Quail Initiative, and Financial Assistance. To register, contact [Richard Fields](mailto:richard.fields@forestry.alabama.gov) at richard.fields@forestry.alabama.gov.
- September 19...McAlpin, Florida 9 AM ET. **Landowner Tour** at RFM Farms. Attendees will meet at the McGranahan’s “Cookshack” off of 184th Street. The landowner’s primary management objectives are timber production, grazing, and wildlife management. Some walking so dress accordingly. Fee: \$15; lunch included. Contact [Chris Demers](#) at (352) 846-2375.
- September 19...Calhoun County 9:45 AM - 12:45 PM. **Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Workshop** at the Oxford Civic Center, Room 200, 401 McCullars Lane, Oxford. **Topics:** Wildlife Planning for Your Property, Conservation Programs, and Forestry Management Planning. Lunch provided. RSVP at (256) 835-7821 or calhounswcd@gmail.com.
- September 19...Dale County 5 - 8:30 PM. **Landowner Workshop** at the Hoppergrass Restaurant, 129 East Avenue N., Ozark. **Topics:** Managing Timber to Markets, Aerial Drone Mapping, Feral Hog Control, and Financial Assistance. Contact [Andrew Green](#) at (334) 774-4749x3.
- September 19...Jefferson County 6 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at the Birmingham Zoo, 2630 Cahaba Road, Birmingham. Attend the cook-off and enjoy live music, door prizes, youth activities, and sample wild game recipes. Fee: \$50; \$10 discount if paid in advance. Youth 15 and under free. Call the Alabama Wildlife

- Federation at (334) 285-4550.
- September 20...Macon County 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM. **Integrated Approach for Managing Diseases and Parasites in Small Ruminants—Role of Browse** at 102 Mary Starke Harper Hall & CAENS Research and Demonstration Facility, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL 36088. Fee: \$30; \$5 discount if paid by September 6. [Register online](#) or contact [Dr. Uma Karki](#) at (334) 727-8336.
- September 20...Vaiden, Mississippi 8:30 AM - 2:15 PM. **Game Camera Surveys and Forest Management for White-tailed Deer** at Carmack Fish House, 24973 Hwy 35 N. Fee: \$15; lunch provided. Call Taylor Casey at (662) 289-5431.
- September 20-22...Shelby County. **Outdoor Alabama Experience** at Oak Mountain State Park in Pelham. This family-oriented workshop features hands-on learning about camping, hiking, biking, wildlife watching, shooting sports, fishing, hunting, kayaking, and more! All activities you might do on your forestland. Staff will be available to help with campsite setup for new campers. Fee: \$100 per 2 family members plus \$25 per additional family member. Includes all meals. For more information contact [Emily](#) at (334) 201-9967.
- September 21...Conecuh County 8:30 AM - 2 PM. **Field Day** at Saloom Properties, 2835 Booker Mill Road, Evergreen. Come learn about opportunities to improve your forest management. The field day will feature: Timber Industry Experts, Sawmill Demo, Chainsaw sculptor, From Sawn Logs to Furniture, and more. Limited to 1st 50 participants. To register visit www.conecuhswcd.com
- September 24...Russell County 6 PM. **Forestry Workshop and Dinner** at The Old Seale Russell County Courthouse, 91 Longview Street, Seale. Fee: \$10. Contact [Jennifer Davidson](#) at (334) 298-6845.
- September 24-26...Cleburne County. **Longleaf Academy: Understory Diversity U201** at Talladega Mountains Natural Resource Center, 6751 AL-4, Heflin. The workshop will focus on the study of native plant identification, ecological functions of groundcover, understory restoration techniques, and management methods. Fee: \$200; lunch included. Pre-registration is required. Contact [Casey White](#) at (334) 427-1029.
- September 24-26...Starkville, Mississippi. **Prescribed Burning Short Course** at Hilton Garden Inn, 975 Highway 12 East. The course is open to the public and designed for anyone wishing to become a Certified Prescribed Burn Manager in Mississippi. Prescribed burning is one of the most efficient and cost-effective tools available to foresters and landowners in the Southeast for understory management, fuel reduction, site preparation, wildfire risk reduction, and wildlife

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habitat improvement. Fee: \$250. Contact [Allen Stroud](#) at (769) 798-2597.

September 25...Tifton, Georgia 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM ET. [Georgia Prescribed Fire Council Annual Meeting](#) at the Tifton Campus Conference Center. Fee: \$35; breakfast and lunch included. Contact [Jessica McCorvey](#) at (229) 734-4706x289.

September 26...Conecuh County 8 AM. [SmartMap 2.0 Workshop](#) at Reid State Technical College, 100 Hwy 83, Evergreen. This workshop provides a more in-depth review than SmartMap 1.0 with hands-on training in the use of apps for planning and conducting UAS flights. SmartMap 2.0 focuses on using low-cost UAS technology for video capture, forest mapping, and other natural resource applications. Limit of 25 attendees. Fee: \$50. Contact [Beau Brodbeck](#) with questions at (251) 259-6507. Register here: www.aces.edu/event/smartmap-2-0-2019-09-26

September 26...Chambers County 5:30 - 7:50 PM. [Forest Landowners Conference](#) at Farmers Federation Building, LaFayette. Topics: Cost Share Opportunities & Issue Advocacy with Legislators. Fee: \$7; dinner included. To RSVP call Dennis at (334) 864-9542.

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October 1...Morgan County 5:30 PM. [Wild Game Cook-Off](#) at Ingalls Harbor, 802-B Wil-

son Street NW, Decatur. Attend the cook-off and enjoy live music, door prizes, youth activities, and sample some wild game recipes. Fee: \$35; youth under 15 free. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at (334) 285-4550.

October 1-3...Jackson, Mississippi. [Mississippi Forestry Association Annual Meeting](#) at the Hilton Jackson, 1001 E. County Line Road. Fee: \$445. Contact [Casey Anderson](#) at (601) 354-4936.

October 3...Chilton County 8 AM - 3:30 PM. [SmartMap 1.0 Workshop](#) at the Chilton Regional Research and Extension Center, Clanton. This workshop introduces audiences to low-cost and easy to use geospatial mapping applications (apps) that can be used on smartphones or iPads. It introduces audiences to GIS, GPS, Smartphone GIS applications, UAV (drone) technology and its applications for video capture and forest mapping. Fee: \$50. Contact [Beau](#) with questions at (251) 259-6507. Register here: www.aces.edu/event/smartmap-1-0-4

October 3...Greensboro, Florida 9 AM ET. [Landowner Tour](#) at Crooked Creek Preserve on Hwy 270. Attendees will see longleaf pine, blooming wildflowers, native bee nesting boxes, bee hives, gopher tortoise burrows, and extensive damage to ravine system caused by Hurricane Michael. This is a walking tour so dress accordingly. Take necessary precautions if you have allergies to bee stings. Fee: \$15; lunch included. Contact

[Chris Demers](#) at (352) 846-2375.

October 4...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. Dial-in number: 1-866-299-7945 and Participant code: 2594#

October 4-6...Shelby County. [Becoming an Outdoors-Woman \(BOW\)](#) at Alabama 4-H Center on Lay Lake near Columbiana. Participants choose from over 50 courses such as: backyard wildlife, rock climbing, camp cooking, map and compass, camping, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, canoeing, bird watching, shooting sports, and many more. For women 18 years or older. Courses are held rain or shine. Fee: \$275; includes meals and lodging. Contact [Hope Grier](#) at 1-800-245-2740.

October 7...Mobile County 6 PM. [Wild Game Cook-Off](#) at The Bluegill Restaurant, Mobile Bay Causeway, Mobile. Attend the cook-off and enjoy live music, door prizes, youth activities, and sample some wild game recipes. Fee: \$50; youth under 15 free. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at (334) 285-4550.

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

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

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"DUBBED BY MANY 'AMERICA'S AMAZON,' the Geological Survey of Alabama found that Alabama contains 10% of the freshwater resources in the continental United States.



Alabama has more than 132,000 miles of creeks, streams, and rivers flowing through the state. Alabama ranks first in fish diversity, with 332 species of freshwater fish... Alabama is home to 61% of mussels, 57% of freshwater turtles, 28% of freshwater snails, and 27% of fish species found in the United States. Alabama also contains 97 different types of freshwater crayfish, more than any other state." Source: *Alabama Wildlife*, Summer 2019.

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

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

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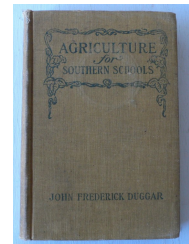


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