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Governor Appoints Ken Day to RF Board

This spring, Governor Siegelman appointed two men to serve on the Board of Registration for Foresters. In the Spring issue of *The Registered Forester*, we profiled Leh Bass of Opelika. In this issue, we will introduce Ken Day, RF #1760.

Ken is the Chief of the Natural Resources Management Section for the Mobile District of U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; a position he has held since 1997. Day has been with the Corps., serving in a variety of positions since 1977, when he was hired as a Park Ranger Trainee at Altoona Lake.

In 1981 he earned a B.S. in Forest Management from Auburn University and became a Registered Forester in July of 1999.

While not required for his position, Day felt it was important that he become a Registered Forester. He feels that the title gives him more credibility with his peers as he makes management decisions that affect the 300,000 acres of land controlled by the Corps.' Mobile District. For this reason, he encourages all public land managers that he interacts with to put forth the extra effort required to become a "credentialed professional" in their field. Day also earned the designation of "Certified Planning Commissioner" last year.

In 1992 Ken was selected as the South Atlantic Division Natural Resources Management Employee of the Year. He was honored with the Superior Civilian Service Award in 1995 for leadership in promoting an innovative recruitment initiative and is a 1997 graduate of the United Way's "Project Blueprint Class."

Ken is married and has two daughters; Kendra, age 13 and Courtney, 9. He is an active member of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Daphne; a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Mobile Genealogical Society where he serves on the Board of Directors. Professionally he is a member of the Society of American Foresters and the Minorities in Agriculture,

Natural Resources and Related Sciences. He also was appointed to serve on the City of Daphne Planning Commission and currently holds the office of Vice Chairman.

Ken is both humbled and honored by the opportunity to work with the Board. He looks forward to the challenges facing the profession and sees his service on the Board as a chance to represent those charged with protecting the public lands in Alabama. The Board also looks forward to working with Ken during his tenure on the Board of Registration for Foresters.

Forest Certification... Why?

Leonard Breeman, Alabama River Woodlands

Forest certification has become a major topic of discussion in the forest products industry both in the United States and globally. A certified forest is envisioned as being well managed for sustainability with all forest operations being carried out in an environmentally and socially acceptable manner according to a set of predetermined guidelines and under the direction of a professional forester. Alabama's TREASURE forest program, American Forest & Paper Association's Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the American Tree Farm System are examples.

Forest products companies are now routinely required by customers to complete lengthy questionnaires which include forest management practices, harvesting, wood sources, safety and manufacturing to name a few. Historically, the questionnaires mostly addressed operations on company owned or managed lands. Now, raw materials purchased from private landowners are beginning to be addressed. All this appears to be headed toward product labeling and companies purchasing raw materials only from sources that meet certain minimum forest certification standards.

At some point private non-industrial landowners

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Board Highlights

Notes from the April Board of Registration for Foresters Meeting

The Board met on April 25. Members present were Board Chairman, Leonard Breeman, Karen Boyd, Emmett Thompson, Lehman Bass and Kenneth Day. Also, Executive Secretary, Pam Sears, Legal Counsel Olivia Martin and Kent Hanby were present.

Seventeen applications were approved for examination and certification later this year. One applicant was approved for reinstatement and five Foresters were granted reciprocity from the states of Mississippi and Arkansas. Six applicants passed the written exam and no oral exams were given this time; all were approved for registration by the Board.

The Board discussed the work being done by Kent Hanby to rewrite the question bank for the oral and written exams given to applicants. Hanby said he is said he is working to eliminate outdated and redundant questions. He is also working to rearrange the questions into topical areas.

The Board reviewed violation cases that have been brought to their attention and referred them for further action to the Board's legal counsel.

Board members also discussed certification and regulations of private forest lands; especially as related to having a Registered Foresters prepare a management plans for various certification programs. It was agreed that programs for private landowners that require timber management plans should be completed and signed by a Registered Forester to be in compliance with the law.

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News from the Forest Resource Association

"Treated Wood" Scare

In response to a petition from a coalition of green groups, the federal Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) has launched an accelerated risk assessment focused on the use of wood treated with chromated copper arsenate (CCA) in children's wooden playground equipment. The American Forest & Paper Association, working with the American Wood Preservers Institute and other associations, is preparing the scientific rebuttal of the greens' claims.

AF&PA reasonably suggests that the greens timed their petition to build on recent unfavorable media attention surrounding arsenic content in drinking water and the Administration's delay in revising regulations. AF&PA notes: "controversy over CCA is nothing new. CPSC conducted a risk assessment in 1990, concluding that risk was minimal and did not require regulation." The chemical in question is used in more than 99% of pressure treated wood in the U.S.-nearly half of all Southern yellow pine lumber.

2002 Fees

Registered Foresters

Application Fees	\$ 50
Renewal Fees	
Active	\$ 75
Inactive	\$ 30
Late	\$ 50
Reinstatement	\$100
Re-examination	\$ 10

Don't forget to renew your license and obtain the necessary Continuing Forestry Education Hours by September 30, 2001.

What's Going on in Alabama's Forests?

- Six Registered Foresters graduated from the **Agriculture and Forestry Leaders Program** in April. Russ Runyan, Larry Gibson, Greg Sellers, Mark Tuggle, Chad Fincher, Russell Smith, along with twenty one other young professionals in agricultural and forestry related fields completed the two year program aimed at making them stronger industry and community leaders. The course included a ten day trip to the West Coast and Canada and a two and a half week trip to Argentina and Brazil.
- **Dr. George Bengston** retired as Associate Dean at Auburn University's School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences on June 30, 2001. After serving as Associate Dean for ten years, George's dedication to educating foresters in Alabama will be greatly missed. George came to Auburn after retiring from a long career with the Forest Service. He and his wife plan to stay in the Auburn area where he will continue to be active in both professional and community activities. Good luck in retirement George and thanks for your years of hard work!
- The 32nd **Teachers Conservation Workshop** was held in Auburn on July 16-20th. Sponsored by the Alabama Forestry Foundation, the Alabama Forestry Commission, the Alabama Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters and forest industry across the state, this workshop attracted sixty teachers who spent a week learning about forestry and the environmental and economic benefits it provides to the state. For information concerning next year's program, contact Rick Oates at the Alabama Forestry Association (334-265-8733).
- The **Alabama Forestry Association's Annual Meeting** will be held at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach on September 9-11. This year's format will be a little different with dinners on both Sunday and Monday nights and will end by 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday. The program will include the upcoming FIA report, the SFRA Report and other forestry related topics as well as some discussion of Alabama politics and constitutional reform.
- The Alabama Treasure Forest Association will be holding their annual meeting on October 24-26 at the Auburn

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Continuing Education Opportunities

Course	CFEs	Location	Date
Conservation Easements	12	Auburn, AL	August 2-3
Faster Cruises with Double Point Sampling	10	Tuscaloosa, AL	August 14-15
Forest Management Challenges Created by SFI, FSC & other Management Systems	12	Auburn, AL	September 5-6
Business Management Skills for Foresters	10	Tuscaloosa, AL	September 12-13
Timber Income Tax	12	Tuscaloosa, AL	September 25-26
Unconventional Silviculture	12	Mobile, AL	September 26-27
Forest Regeneration Workshop & Field Tour	12	Statesboro, GA	October 2-3
Working with Contractors: Getting the Job Done and Minimizing Your Liabilities	12	Macon, GA	October 24-25
Boundary Law, Easements and Rights of Way	12	Macon, GA	November 14-15
Forest Management for Wildlife	12	Macon, GA	December 10-11
Boundary Law, Easements and Rights of Way	12	Jackson, MS	October 3-4
Forest Management Challenges Created by SFI, FSC & other Management Systems	12	Jackson, MS	October 16-17
Conservation Easements	10	Jackson, MS	November 6
Managing Forest Soils & Soil Productivity	12	Jackson, MS	December 4-5

For additional information contact Cathy Coker at 334-514-3000 or log on to www.preceda.com

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2001 Legislative Session Recap

Regular Session Produces Little Legislation that Affects Forestry

Not much legislation passed both houses of the state legislature and was signed into law by Governor Siegelman during the 2001 Regular Session. There will, however, be an opportunity for more mischief during at least two special sessions to be held this summer. These sessions will be held for the purpose of drawing new district lines for state legislators, congressional representatives and the State School Board, as well as look at our state tax structure.

Some of the issues addressed this year of interest to the forestry community are listed below.

A **Brownfield Redevelopment** bill allows for the reuse of properties that have environmental contamination problems became law. It provides limitations on liability to developers who wish to purchase and redevelop these sites.

A bill to **Reauthorize the Forestry License**

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Thursday, August 2, 2001

ATFA's Forestry Economic Summit to be Held in Troy

The SE County Chapters of the Alabama TREASURE Forest Association are proud to host a SE Economic Forestry Summit in Troy on August 2. This summit will provide background information on the economic state of the forest industry. It will also provide some insight into future forestry economic conditions.

Speakers will discuss Forest Certification, Economic Development, Global Markets, Industry Consolidation, and other related topics. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. If you are a private forest landowner or have any interests in the forest industry you should plan to attend.

The SE Forestry Eco-Summit will take place on Thursday, August 2, 2001 in Troy at the Cattlemen's Expo Center on Hwy 231. The program will run from 9:00-1:00 with lunch provided. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per person to cover the meal.

If you would like to attend or have other questions, please contact your County Cooperative Extension Office or Chad Fincher at the state ATFA office (334-442-2477).

Rules Of Professional Conduct for Alabama's Professional Foresters

When you signed your application to become a Registered Forester in Alabama, you agreed to conform your conduct to the principles below. While I am sure most of you do each of these things without giving it much thought, an occasional reminder is always good. Please carefully review the Rules of Professional Conduct below.

1. He will advertise only in a dignified manner, setting forth in truthful and factual statements the services he is prepared to render for his prospective clients and for the public.
2. He will strive for correct and increasing knowledge of forestry and the dissemination of his knowledge and will discourage and condemn the spreading of untrue, unfair, and exaggerated statements concerning forestry.
3. When serving as an expert witness on forestry matters, in a public or private fact-finding proceeding, he will base his testimony on adequate knowledge of the subject matter, and render his opinion on his own honest convictions.
4. He will refrain from expressing publicly, an opinion on a technical subject, unless he is informed as to the facts relating thereto, and will not distort or withhold data of a substantial or other nature for the purpose of sustaining a point of view.
5. He will not voluntarily disclose information concerning the business affairs of his principals, clients, or employers which they desire to keep confidential, unless express permission is first obtained.
6. He will not, without the full knowledge and consent of his principal, client or employer have an interest in any business which may influence his judgment in regard to the work for which he is engaged.

Change of Address Form

Please note any changes to your personal information as found in the Roster of Registered Foresters and fax, mail, or email them to the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters at: 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130-2551; (fax) 334-353-3641; (email) pbsears@earthlink.net.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

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7. He will not, for the same service, accept compensation of any kind, other than from his principal, client or employer without full disclosure, knowledge and consent of all parties concerned.
8. He will engage, or advise his principal, client or employer to engage other experts and specialists in forestry and related fields whenever the client's or employer's interests would be best served by such actions and will cooperate freely with them in their work.
9. He will aid in safeguarding against the registration of persons unqualified because of lack of good moral character or of adequate training.
10. If he has substantial and convincing evidence of unprofessional conduct of a registered forester, he will present the information to the State Board of Registration for Foresters.

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most likely will have to meet some minimum forest certification standard in order to sell timber. Minimum forest certification most probably will require a written forest management plan addressing management goals, BMP's and reforestation. Timber cruises and type maps most likely will be required. Individual companies may select one or more forest certification systems as being acceptable. Expect new certification systems to be developed and existing systems to change.

Finally, once the timber is sold, a PLM trained logger will be required to do the harvesting. The Professional Logging Manager training is handled by the Alabama Forestry Association and the Alabama Loggers Council. It also includes 6 hours of continuing education each year.

To avoid violating Alabama law, all management plans and timber cruises prepared for private non-industrial landowners must be prepared by or under the direction of a registered forester licensed by this Board.

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Plates failed to pass the legislature. The legislation authorizing these popular tags sunsets in December of this year. It will hopefully be reconsidered during one of the

upcoming special sessions.

Several bills to increase **taxes** were considered, however, none of them became law. The "Starkey" bill which would impose a minimum of 30 mills of ad valorem tax or the equivalent for schools passed the House after being introduced over a dozen times but failed to win the support of the upper chamber. Look for many of these initiatives to be introduced during the upcoming special sessions.

The **Right to Farm and Practice Forestry** bill passed the house, but stalled in the senate. This bill, sponsored by Alfa, provides relief from liability for those practicing forestry in/around municipal areas.

The AFA sponsored **Illegal Dumping** bill failed again this year, largely due to the efforts of Senator Jimmy Holley (D-Elba). This bill provided increased penalties for illegally dumping trash on another person's property.

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University Hotel and Conference Center in Auburn. For additional information on that meeting contact the ATFA at 334-442-2424.

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