



THE REGISTERED FORESTER

Siegelman

Following the death of Charlie Raper, Governor Siegelman has made two appointments to the State Board of Registration for Foresters. Leh Bass of Green South Land & Timber in Opelika will fill Charlie's term and Ken Day, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Mobile replaces Mike Beach. This issue of the newsletter will feature Leh, and the next issue (this summer) will feature Mr. Day.

Leh Bass is especially excited about this opportunity to give something back to the profession that has been good to him for over twenty-five years. Leh graduated from Auburn's School of Forestry in 1975 and became a Registered Forester in 1978. During his tenure on the Board, Leh looks forward to working with other Board members to protect the high standards of professional foresters in Alabama.

Bass has lived in Opelika since he earned his degree, working for Georgia Pacific and Evergreen Timber. In 1996, Leh decided to make a major change in his professional life, by opening his own business, Green South Land and Timber, Inc. Today he, along with his three full-time employees, manage land for over fifty clients with between twenty and seventeen thousand acres of forest land in east central Alabama. The firm is a typical land management forestry firm, offering the full range of forest management services.

Besides his heavy involvement in running the business, Leh has a long record of service to the profession of forestry in Alabama. He is currently the President of the Auburn School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Alumni Association and has served a term on the Alabama Forestry Association Board of Directors. Bass also maintains memberships, and is active, in the Forest Landowners Association, the Georgia Forestry Association, the Association of Consulting Foresters and the Treasure Forest Landowners Association.

This Summer, Leh is looking forward to playing an

active role in the Alabama Forestry Association's Teachers Conservation Workshop. He, along with other members of the Alabama Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters, will be leading a course in timber cruising and measurements for the teachers who attend the 32nd annual workshop. Leh and the Consulting Foresters first became actively involved in the workshop last year, after expressing an interest in working with the teachers. This year they agreed to apply their talents to organizing this new part of the workshop.

Leh and his wife Linda have two sons, Jon, 22, and Eron, 19. Despite the fact that both boys had the opportunity to work with their dad while growing up, neither of them have been bitten by the forestry bug (yet!)

The Board, and all of the professional foresters in Alabama will certainly benefit from Leh's dedication and spirit of service during his term.

In Memoriam

Board Member and AU Professor Raper Dies

On Wednesday, October 27, Professor Charlie Raper passed away from a stroke he suffered earlier in the week. The newest appointee to the State Board of Registration for Foresters, Charlie was looking forward to working with the Board to make positive changes in our profession.

His contributions to forestry, especially the wisdom and philosophical discussions he lead on the front porch at the School of Forestry Building will be missed by all who knew him.



Board Highlights

Notes from the January Board of Registration for Foresters Meeting

All members of the Board were present for this January 24 meeting which began at 8:15 a.m..

Members of the Board discussed violations of the law which governs Registered Foresters. Emmett Thompson was appointed Chairman of the Violations Committee for 2001.

The Board approved applications to take the RF exam for Stephen D. Martin, Bruce P. Williams and Jason S. Reeves.

They granted Reciprocity to John W. Angel (GA); Robert N. Eddy, III (MS); Jason S. Hartsill (GA); John N. McDaniel (GA); and Paul L. Tigrett (MS) and approved licenses for the new foresters listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

The Board discussed changing the law that governs their actions to allow them the authority to execute contracts. State Representative (and Registered Forester) Allen Layson agreed to work on this law for the Board.

Board Member Emmett Thompson reported that Kent Hanby, who has been hired by the Board to update the questions used on the RF exam, has made the following progress:

- Reviewed all questions and discarded duplicates and outdated ones
- Compiled the written and oral questions into one question bank.

Board Member Karen Boyd reported that 2% of Registered Foresters were audited last year and all had complied with the rules. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that 5% of Registered Foresters be audited in the coming year.

The Board noted its appreciation to ex-Board Member, Mike Beach, whose term on the Board expired on January 6, 2001. It also noted its appreciation to Mark Bond whose term on the Oral Examination Panel expired in January.

It was agreed by the Board that the Oral Examination Panel for 2001 will be John D. Pritchett, Jr., Donald D. Link, Huey Long and Mike Brinson. Tim Albritton and David Long were added as alternates to the panel.

The Board discussed SAF accreditation for the forestry school at Alabama A&M.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Again, it's been a while...

Well, again this quarterly newsletter has been delayed by circumstances beyond our control. The last newsletter was published in early September. We expected to see another one in early December. It's now March!

We must again blame our state government. Government officials should be prudent with state funds, but this Administration takes that to new levels. Again, thanks to a lot of hard work by our Executive Assistant, Pam Sears and others, the powers that be were convinced that this publication has some merit.

If you have any thoughts about *The Registered Forester*, please feel free to share them with me. You can reach me at night at 334-613-2984 or by contacting the State Board of Registration for Foresters.

Rick Oates, Editor, The Registered Forester

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What's Going on in Alabama's Forests?

♦ Former State Forester C. W. "Bill" Moody (RF) has been chosen to have the National Association of State Forester's conservation education achievement award named after him. The award will be known as the Bill Moody Current Achievement Award for Conservation Education. Under Mr. Moody's tenure as State Forester, the Alabama Forestry Commission and its programs, especially those aimed at environmental education grew significantly. It's for this effort that the NASF is recognizing Mr. Moody with this award.

♦ The **Alabama Commission on Environmental Initiatives**, at the Governor's request, has been working to recommend changes to existing laws, regulations and other initiatives that can be made to enhance the environment. A final report was sent to Governor Siegelman on January 30th. Registered Forester **Billy Bond** (RF#336) serves on the Commission. Representatives of forestry and the paper industry worked hard over the past few months to remind members of the Commission the positive impacts that forestry has on Alabama's environment. Consultants, landowners, registered foresters, loggers and industry members were heavily involved in the town hall meetings. The final report did not contain anything that will be detrimental to forestry in Alabama, but there is always room for trouble to arise. The Commission is going to focus on water withdrawal permitting and environmental education for the next several months.

♦ The **Alabama Division of the Society of American Foresters** will have its annual meeting in Tuscaloosa on May 6-8 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. The agenda for the meeting includes programs based on Alabama's timber inventory, environmental and certification issues and the changing market places in our industry. Put these dates on your calendar and look for more information to be released soon.

♦ The Alabama Forestry Association's **32nd Teachers Conservation Workshop** is in the planning stages. All sorts of help is needed. Bingo and other door prizes are needed. Scholarships are still needed, we even need a few more teachers. If you know a teacher who could use some environmental education, have some

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Continuing Education Opportunities

<u>Alabama</u>	<u>CFE Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hardwood Log Grading	11	Montgomery	May (tba)
Prescribed Burning for Experienced Burners	10	Auburn	June 19-20
Forestry for Non-forestry Professionals	0	Tuscaloosa	July (tba)
Managing Forest Soils & Soil Productivity	12	Auburn	July 18-19
Faster Cruises with Point Double Sampling	10	Tuscaloosa	August (tba)
Conservation Easements	10	Auburn	August 29-30
Forest Management Challenges Created by SFI, FSC, & Other Environmental Management Systems	12	Auburn	September 5-6
Business Management Skills for Foresters	10	Tuscaloosa	September 12-13
Timber Income Tax	12	Tuscaloosa	September 25-26
Unconventional Silviculture	12	Mobile	September 26-27
<u>Georgia</u>	<u>CFE Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Forest Regeneration Workshop & Field Tour	12	Statesboro	October (tba)
Working with Contractors: Getting the Job Done & Minimizing Your Liability	12	Macon	October (tba)
<u>Mississippi</u>	<u>CFE Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Boundary Law, Easements & Right-of-Ways	12	Jackson	October 3-4
Forest Management Challenges Created by SFI, FSC, & Other Environmental Management Systems	12	Jackson	October 16-17

For information on any of the courses listed above, contact Preceda at 334-514-3000 or try their web site at www.preceda.com.

New Registered Foresters

Cannon, James Randall
Alabama Forestry Commission
Brewton
334-867-7798 RF#1824

Hobbs, Brian Madison
Alabama River Woodlands
Perdue Hill
334-743-8611 RF#1830

Lee, Donald A.
Lee Forestry Services &
Contracting, Waverly
334-502-3929 RF#1820

McGilberry, Darren Joe
Hamilton Timber Company
Nanafalia
334-736-4435 RF#1836

Reeves, Victoria Elaine
Coldwell Banker
Lafayette
334-864-9995 RF#1832

Wright, Jesse Christopher
Alabama Forestry Commission
Double Springs
205-489-5014 RF#1825

Lyons, Larry William
Rayonier
Fernandina Beach, FL
904-321-0849 RF#1840

Dozier, April Chrystal
Alabama River
Perdue Hill
334-564-6699 RF#1831

Holland, Angela Marie
The Timber Company
Richton, Miss.
601-788-6383 RF#1821

Manasco, Johnnie D.
Soterra, LLC.
Cullman
256-739-3314 RF#1834

McReynolds, Dana
Alabama Forestry Commission,
Birmingham
205-916-0569 RF#1823

Smith, Ashley Parkman
Mead Coated Board
Phenix City
334-448-6314 RF#1826

Ziebach, Elmo Douglas, Jr.
Ziebach & Webb Timber
Peterman
334-564-2341 RF#1829

Smith, Louis(Pat) Roycraft
Truett & Latham, Inc.
Livingston
205-652-7638 RF#1842

Fincher, Chad Austin
John Fincher Enterprises, Inc.
Mobile
334-649-2288 RF#1822

Horne, Jonathon Matthew
Jimmy Thorton Timber
Wetumpka
334-567-5436 RF#1817

Matthews, Hooper W., Jr.
Wefel Family Trust
Atmore
334-368-3197 RF#1816

Pearson, William Alexander
W.W. Sellers & Associates
Ramer
334-562-3208 RF#1833

Whitfield, Craig LaRoy
Lower Dixie Timber Co.
Linden
334-295-1146 RF#1818

Blalock, David Lynn
Hammermill Paper Co.
Bainbridge, Ga.
912-246-2104 RF#1838

Williams, Wayne Eda
Sizemore & Sizemore
Tallasse
334-283-3611 RF#1841

Fleming, Scotty Dale
Keller Lumber & Logging
Stevenson
256-541-6072 RF#1837

Kornegay, Stephen Clay
Noland Lumber Company
Gordo
205-367-7384 RF#1827

McDonald, Jeremy Robin
USFS, Bankhead Forest
Double Springs
205-489-5111 RF#1819

Potter, Richard Carey, Jr.
Coosa Valley Woodland Serv.
Cropwell
205-814-9660 RF#1828

Wilkinson, Charles Allen III
Butler & Gardiner, Inc.
Dempolis
334-289-0051 RF#1835

Harper, Michael Gregory
Baseline Forest Services
Wetumpka
334-541-3788 RF#1839

The Private Forest Management Team,

A New Tool to Help Landowners and Foresters

There is a new *team* on the Auburn plains that stands ready to help bring forestry and private forest landowners into the twenty-first century. The **Private Forest Management Team (PFMT)** is a partnership of Auburn faculty, industry, government agencies and others that offers assistance to landowners.

There have been discussions, meetings, articles and many arguments for several decades regarding the non-industrial private forest landowner "problem." The forest industry, heavily dependent on these lands for wood and fiber, has been concerned about the lack of management on much of this landbase. However, because they have their own objectives, many of these landown-

ers do not perceive their activities as being a "problem." Recent stumpage price changes in the Southeast, coupled with increased environmental awareness, has created a growing interest by many private forest landowners in some form of management for their forests.

There are many landowners, however, that are not aware of the opportunities and responsibilities they have as stewards of the land. Agencies and industry in Alabama have an interest in improving the management of non-industrial private forests, not only for timber production, but also for the myriad of tangible and intangible resources that can be derived from the land. It is in

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RFs Receive Recognition

Top Left: Dr. Brinker, SE Chair and Registered Forester presents the Fifty Year Award to **E.E. Loper** (RF#0055), **Hugh Mobley** (RF#1085) and **Paul Otterbach**. Bill Banzhof, SAF President (second from right) and Mark Thomas (RF#1467) on the far right, help present the award.

Top Right: Alabama Forestry Association President **Dean Lewis** presents the Hugh Kaul Statesman Award to Gulf Lumber Company's **William H. Stimpson**, RF at the AFA Annual Meeting in Orange Beach in September.

Right: AU School of Forestry & Wildlife Science's Dean, Richard Brinker (RF#1636) presents the Southeast SAF General Forestry Award to **Jim Martin** (R.F. #497) at the Society's Fall meeting.



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: _____

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Business Address: _____

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In Memoriam

Registered Forester **William R. Sizemore** passed away on February 28, 2001. Bill was a member of the SAF, Association of Consulting Foresters, Alabama Forestry Association, Forest Landowners Association, Auburn University School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences Advisory Council, Rotary Club, Montgomery Symphony Orchestra Board and many other forestry and civic organizations throughout Alabama and the nation.

He was registered to practice forestry in 11 states, a registered land surveyor and real estate appraiser. Dr. Sizemore was also an Adjunct Professor at Auburn, Duke and Mississippi State University. Bill is preceded in death by his wife, Mary, and survived by his children, Shirley Sizemore Warren and William H. Sizemore.

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money to contribute, or otherwise want to get involved in this very successful forestry education program for teachers, call Rick Oates (334)265-8733 at the AFA office for more information

♦ Have you ever wanted to become a **Project Learning Tree** Facilitator? The Alabama PLT Steering Committee is making plans for a Facilitator Training session for those interested in getting involved in Project Learning Tree for the first time. This session will be on Thursday and Friday, May 17-18 at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center in Andalusia. **All current PLT Facilitators should plan to attend a Reunion Workshop on these dates as well.** The purpose of the reunion workshop will be to go over changes in the Alabama requirements for presenting Project Learning Tree workshops. For more information, contact the AFA at 334-265-8733.

♦ **Legacy**, a program to coordinate environmental education efforts in Alabama is looking for 2001 partners in the year 2001. Legacy has traditionally been supported by the "environmental" license plates that are commonly seen across the state, but wants to expand its financial base. Will you consider becoming one of these partners? Call Kim Rumph at 334-270-5921 or check out their web page (www.legacyenvd.com) for more information.

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the best interests of the citizens of Alabama that these forests be managed in a sustainable manner to provide wood, recreation, clean water, biological diversity and many other benefits.

This has lead Dr. Glenn Glover, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee, and others to get involved and offer private landowners some added avenues to explore for forestry information.

The main tool being used by the PFMT is a web site. It has been developed to provide information and assistance to private forest landowners and management providers in Alabama. Plans for this site include a series

of topic areas with information, definitions, considerations and methods to accomplish forest management for a variety of landowner objectives. Links within the web site will help a landowner or manager review and consider the many influences and outcomes that result from forest management decisions. Where existing sources are available, they will be utilized; where such information is not available, the Team will develop new information to be used on the site.

Be sure to check out this tool for yourself at www.pfmt.org. It will certainly offer all professional foresters some help as we work to better Alabama's forests.

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