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In Memoriam

We remember our fellow foresters who passed in 2015

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RENEWAL REMINDER

The grace period for 2016 license renewal ends December 31, 2015. If you submitted your renewal but have not received your new ID card, please contact Lea Anna Meadows immediately at 334-240-9301 to make sure the renewal was received and processed. Licenses not renewed by December 31, 2015 will be revoked. The Board is required by law to send revocation notices to all non-renewing licensees, including those who, for whatever reason, intentionally allowed their license to lapse.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name _____
Title _____
License Number _____

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Company _____
Business Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Cell _____
Email _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Please take a moment to review your current roster information online at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/vs2k5/rosterforforesters.aspx>. To submit changes, fax the form below to (334) 240-9387 or submit the online Change of Address form at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/vs2k5/changeofaddress.aspx>.

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FIVE YEARS IS A SHORT TIME

Five years ago I was appointed by Governor Robert Bentley to serve on the State Board of Registration for Foresters. Not fully knowing what to expect, I reluctantly accepted the task. Now, “five short years later” my time is up, and what was a reluctant acceptance has turned into a reluctant good bye. Indeed it has been a pleasure to serve my fellow Registered Foresters and the citizens of this great State. I sincerely hope that my five years of service brought some value to the board and to the citizens of our state. It was indeed a valuable

learning experience for me. As I look back at some of the tasks that I assisted with (chair of the violations committee, helping with review before the “Sunset committee”, serving as Chair of the Board, helping to host and lead the Annual Board meeting of all the States etc.), it was my goal to add some value to those entities, however I now realize that the experiences enriched me perhaps more than I them. I would like to give a special thanks to my employer “Resource Management Services” for allowing me the time to serve on the board, and a very special thanks to my present board members and all of the ones I worked with over the years.

Thanks,
Michael McCorvey



Chairman Rick Johnson (right) presents Mike McCorvey with a plaque of appreciation for five years of service on the Board.

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ASBROF MEETING

Alabama was the host state for ASBROF's 24th annual meeting. The meeting was held August 20-21, 2015 at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center & Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. The group had a delightful non-traditional forestry tour of the Tensaw-Delta hosted by Delta Safaris.

States in attendance were Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and West Virginia (Guest). I served as chairman for the meeting.

(ASBROF) Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters; Charter membership consists of the Boards of Registration for Foresters from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

The purpose for which ASBROF was created was for, but not limited to:

- To promote the discussion of ideas of mutual interest which transcend state boundaries;
- To promote, where possible, uniformity among individual Boards;
- To assist in the investigation and conviction of persons who violate the laws of one or more states by conducting interstate activities.

The main topic of this year's meeting was the testing method used by each Board. We looked at the process for exam improvement, grading and pass rates among each state.

It was also interesting to see how other boards operate in the southeast. Our standards are among the highest of other member states.

As a Board we are currently working on improvements to the exam. We have improved continuing education opportunities as it relates to our constantly changing profession. We recognize that foresters wear more hats than in the past. We are also looking at ways to maintain the diversity of your Board.

We welcome any suggestions you may have.
Rick

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2015 VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board strongly believes that educating and seeking voluntary compliance will better serve the public interest. Therefore, before pursuing punitive enforcement, corrective and rehabilitative actions will be taken. A summary of investigations is presented below.

Case #15-001

Complaint: A Registered Forester was accused of Fraud and Deceit by a private landowner.

Results: All submitted evidence was reviewed, however, no intent to commit fraud and deceive the landowner was found; the case was dismissed.

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

Life on the Ponderosa II

By *Walter E. Cartwright, Forest Management Division Director, Alabama Forestry Commission*



As a Registered Forester with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from Auburn University, for years I have been giving management advice to landowners, writing management plans, conducting understory and site preparation prescribed burns, planting trees, controlling invasives, and much more. Although my wife and I had not owned property, we were in the market, looking at many tracts priced too high to be affordable. Then we were told of a tract for sale and went to look. I called the landowner, got the price, and told him we were interested. The rest is history, and I finally had the opportunity to "practice what I had been teaching" others my entire career.

In May 2013, my wife, Annette Stewart Cartwright, and I bought our first property in southwest Butler County, Alabama. Consisting of 60.5 acres of young

timberland, the property was part of an old estate. The previous owner told us that he and many other neighbors had been born and grew up on the old home place once located there... Dr. Watson drove a horse and buggy all the way from Georgiana (about 12 miles) to deliver babies, and he was often paid with produce or canned goods. The old house had burned a few years back, leaving only two chimney monuments to mark its spot. An old cotton shed was also burned by a wildfire just one month before we closed on the property, but the old cannery survived which is located north of the old home place about 30 feet. Cleaning and weather-proofing this structure to a degree, we can use it as a check-in stand for hunters and guests on the property.

We've decorated the front with antlers from deer harvested in past hunting seasons, and plan to add a double-insulated window for ventilation.

Our forest management objectives for the property are timber production, hunting, recreation, and aesthetics. We plan to later build some sort of house or cabin and may eventually live there. In the meantime, the property is transected by a gravel road and power line that provides rural power to an old camper located next to the old home place. Rural water is also connected to the camper, so it is livable in its present condition. There is also an old open well with curbing and good water, which can be used if the rural water is not available. A metal carport located on the old home site allows us to park our vehicles out of the sun and weather.

Needing equipment to work on the property as well as maintain fire lines and roads, we purchased a 58 hp John Deere tractor with a Rhino front-end loader, bush hog, and disk harrow. We have since replaced the old equipment, buying a brand new 6 foot bush hog and 6 foot Tufline disk harrow. Added to that was a used Kawasaki Mule and trailer for quick and easy access to all parts of the farm.

Our first timber harvest was in October 2013 when we solicited bids and thinned 30 acres of a 13-year old loblolly pine plantation, recovering about half of the timber value. As rows could not be defined, we asked the logger to cut corridors parallel to the road. This worked out great not only opening up the stand, but also providing hunting corridors across it. After the thinning, we hired the Alabama Forestry Commission to clear two food plots next to two existing hunting houses. We later planted the food plots with a variety of seed from Whitetail Institute and also planted the few existing roads.

We signed up for cost-share on fire breaks, which were installed in March 2014 and planted with leftover seed from Whitetail Institute. Obtaining a burn permit later in March, we conducted a prescribed burn in the plantation by lighting a backfire on the north line with a 5 mph southeast wind. After about two hours, we slowly ignited

flanking fires that burned well and consumed most of the fuel except for small piles of debris. The stand looks great and we experienced a successful hunting season, harvesting seven deer and one coyote.

In addition to hunting, we've already found other means of recreation on the property. In May of 2014, we held a family gathering to celebrate the return of our nephew from Afghanistan. In addition to grilling hamburgers, hotdogs, and sausage, we ate other dishes brought by the family. We set up a shooting range with targets and shot clay targets thrown with a spring-loaded thrower, with all the family bringing guns and participating. Everyone also enjoyed riding around the farm with two UTVs, an off-road golf cart, and a 4-wheeler. Arriving at 8:00 am and leaving at 5:30 pm, 20 family members just had a wonderful time.

The Alabama Forestry Commission completed our forest Stewardship management plan in April of this year, and we have recently received certifications for Stewardship Forest, Tree Farm, and TREASURE Forest. We are also designated as a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Annette and I go out to the farm almost every weekend so we can continue to improve the place and add value, working as a team on every project such as cutting, splitting, and hauling firewood. We are methodically removing and treating privet, Cogongrass, and Eastern Baccharis.

Again, we hired the Alabama Forestry Commission to push fire lanes around all exterior boundary lines, push two additional interior roads, and create three additional food plots. These improvements have now given us full access to all parts of our property... Mrs. Cartwright and I have found a native chinquapin tree, as well as a few honey locust trees, three Paw Paw trees and at least one big leaf magnolia tree. Every discovery is another adventure on the farm we fondly call the Ponderosa II!