



# THE REGISTERED FORESTER

## *The Complaint Process-*

## How the Board Investigates Potential Violations

Often a violations complaint begins as a phone call to Pam Sears, the Executive Assistant of the Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters, and sounds like this:

That *blankety blank* Joe Blow is out here screwing things up and I want the Board of Registration to do something about it. Pam, always the courteous professional she is, asks if the caller will fill out a formal complaint form and be ready to testify if prosecution is required. Often the caller is not willing to follow through and leaves the Board with no recourse.

Administrative rule 380-X-5-.01 **Procedure for Investigating Alleged Violations** reads as follows:

Information concerning an alleged violation of the Code received in writing by any member or the Office Manager will be immediately referred to the Chairman. If an alleged violation is reported orally, the complainant(s) will be requested to submit complete documentation directly to the Chairman. On receipt of documentation concerning an alleged violation, the Chairman will respond to the complaint(s) acknowledging receipt of the documentation and cite the applicable portion of the law concerning the alleged violation; ascertain if a violation has occurred; conduct or cause to be conducted an appropriate investigation; consult with legal counsel; and Board members individually or in a special meeting of the Board as deemed appropriate; and initiate with the Board such action concerning the alleged violation as necessary and prudent in carrying into effect the provisions of the Code. The Chairman shall notify the complainant(s) in writing summarizing the Board's actions and final disposition of the case. (Ala. Code §34-12-35; Effective January 28, 1976; Rule 18).

Which means:

- Someone files a complaint
- Pam Sears sends a complaint form to be filled

out and returned to the Board.

- Pam submits the formal complaint to the Chairman of the Violations Committee
- The Chairman investigates the allegations

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### Continuing Education Requirements for Registered Foresters

Registered foresters must renew their license by September 30 of each calendar year. Since 1992, accumulation of 10 hours of acceptable continuing education is a condition of license renewal.

Many licensed foresters think "acceptable continuing education" means attending a class focused on forestry in which continuing education credits (CEU's) are given. However, there are many ways to accumulate acceptable continuing education credits.

Continuing education is divided into six categories. 5 hours or more of annual continuing education credit must be classified as category 1 or 2. The balance (a maximum of 5 hours) can be obtained from participating in activities that are described in categories 3 through 6.

Below is a brief description of each continuing education category:

- **Category 1:** Organized course work or activities in forestry or forestry related subject matter. Seminars, short courses, and workshops sponsored by public or private organizations, forest management related seminars conducted by forest industry or public employers for their employees, and technical sessions of professional forestry society meetings or conferences are all accepted. One hour of credit is given for each hour of actual course work.

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**Board Highlights--July, 2002**

**Notes from State Board Meeting**

The Board met on July 24, 2002. Members present were Karen Boyd (vice chair), Kenneth Day (secretary), Lehman Bass and Rhett Johnson. Board Executive Assistant Pam Sears was also present.

The Board reviewed applications and approved the following applicants for examination: Johnny Mims, Matthew Gerber, Andrew Hamiter, Evan Thames, George Robertson, Sterling Brothers, Charles Woodfin, Brian Potts, Bradford Nail, Brooks Wall, Robert Etheredge, James Albright, William Witsen, and William Boozer. Scott Broadbeck, Timothy Allen, Frederic Mayatt and William Stone were granted reciprocity from the State of Mississippi.

Having passed the written exam and met the appropriate continuing education requirements, The licenses of Barry McGaughey, Waymond Craze and John Stivers were reinstated by the Board. Written examinations were given to nine applicants; five passed and four did not receive passing scores.

Pam noted that the Roster of Registered Foresters is now available on the Board's website. The Board will now furnish a hard copy of the roster to those who do not have access to a computer. This is estimated to save the Board approximately \$15,000 every two years.

The Board met with representatives of the Alabama Division of the Society of American Foresters. Among the topics they discussed were: nominating a person to serve on the Board; participation in SAF; Registered Forester exams; continuing education credits; and violation procedures.

The Board also met with representatives of the Association of Consulting Foresters. They discussed non-foresters selling timber on behalf of third parties and the need for a policy statement from the Board on this matter. The Board agreed to look into the matter with legal counsel.

Board member Leh Bass reported that he had been elected vice chair of the Association of State Boards of Registered Foresters (ASBORF) and Alabama will be hosting their annual meeting in May, 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**State Board of Registration  
for Foresters**

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*Public Information Committee*

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Vice Chairman

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*Violations Committee*

**Kenneth Day**

Secretary

*Continuing Education Committee*

**Staff**

Executive Assistant - Pamela B. Sears

Editor - Rick Oates

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**Don't Forget!!!**

**You must renew your license by September 30, 2002. You must have your CFE hours by this time or you will be required to pay a late fee of \$50. If that fee is not paid by December 31, 2002 you must reapply for registration.**

**2003 Fees for  
Registered Foresters**

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Application Fees</b> | <b>\$ 50</b> |
| <b>Renewal Fees</b>     |              |
| <b>Active</b>           | <b>\$ 75</b> |
| <b>Inactive</b>         | <b>\$ 30</b> |
| <b>Late</b>             | <b>\$ 50</b> |
| <b>Reinstatement</b>    | <b>\$125</b> |
| <b>Reexamination</b>    | <b>\$100</b> |
| <b>Lost License</b>     | <b>\$ 10</b> |

## CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Forestry Forum</b>                              | September 12-13 | Auburn          |
| Contact Preceda, (334) 514-3000                    |                 |                 |
| <b>Thinning Southern Forests</b>                   | September 17-18 | Auburn          |
| Contact Preceda, (334) 514-3000                    |                 |                 |
| <b>Practical Applications in Forest Finance</b>    | September 24-25 | Athens, GA      |
| Contact Arlene Bolton, (706) 542-3063              |                 |                 |
| <b>Forestry Herbicides</b>                         | September 26-27 | Auburn, AL      |
| Contact Preceda, (334) 514-3000                    |                 |                 |
| <b>Prescribed Burning Short Course</b>             | October 14-17   | Starkville, MS  |
| Contact Cathy, (662) 325-8822                      |                 |                 |
| <b>Managing for Forest Health</b>                  | October 21-22   | Gainesville, FL |
| Contact Julia Helmers, (352) 846-0842              |                 |                 |
| <b>Managing Forest Soils and Soil Productivity</b> | October 23-24   | Auburn, AL      |
| Contact Preceda, (334) 514-3000                    |                 |                 |
| <b>Boundary Law, Easements &amp; Right of Ways</b> | November 5-6    | Macon, GA       |
| Contact Britt MacInnis, (334) 514-3000             |                 |                 |
| <b>Fire Management in Southern Forests</b>         | November 5-6    | Sarasota, FL    |
| Contact Pat Outcalt, (706) 559-4312                |                 |                 |
| <b>Estate Planning for Forest Landowners</b>       | November 20-21  | Jackson, MS     |
| Contact Preceda, (334) 514-3000                    |                 |                 |

If you have any educational courses you would like listed in the RF Newsletter, please contact Rick Oates or Pam Sears.

### Change of Address Form

Please note any changes to your information as found in the Roster of Registered Foresters send them to the Board at: 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130; (fax) 334-353-3641; pbsears@earthlink.net.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## New Registered Foresters

**Barry E. McGaughey #1887**  
Panhandle Forestry Services  
1411 Osceola Street  
Dothan, AL 36306  
(334) 797-4362

**Waymond B. Craze #1888**  
J.P. Smith Lumber Company  
P.O. Box 238  
Menlo, GA  
(706) 862-2121

**John R. Strivers #1889**  
Self Employed Forester  
115 Huntress Pointe Drive  
Villa Rice, GA 30180  
(770) 459-3775

**Brian E. Frederick #1890**  
Chartered Foresters  
P.O. Box 1323  
Ozark, AL 36361  
(334) 774-5086

**Deamian E. Fisher #1891**  
Georgia Pacific Corp.  
2202 Suite D, Gateway Dr.  
Opelika, AL 36831  
(334) 705-0311

**Matthew J. Clark #1892**  
Gulf States Paper Corp.  
P.O. Box 48999  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404  
(205) 562-5652

**Stacy Whitlow #1893**  
International Paper  
P.O. Box 159  
Bay Minette, AL 36507  
(251) 937-2691

**Fred Prawius #1894**  
Baseline Forest Service  
P.O. Box 370  
Wetumpka, AL 36092  
(334) 514-3011

Exercise your Rights,  
Don't Forget to Vote!  
November 5, 2002  
Make sure you are regis-  
tered to vote NOW!

## Registered Forester Directory Now Available On Registered Forester Web Site

For the latest list of Registered Foresters in Alabama, go to the Board's website, [www.alsbrf.org](http://www.alsbrf.org) and click on "Forester Roster." From there you will be able to download a current list of foresters as a PDF file. This will allow you to find current address and other information concerning foresters in Alabama. While there, check out the information we have in your file to make sure it is current. If you need to correct something, fill out the form on page 3 of this news letter and send it to the Board office.

At this web page you can also find important information relating to the Board of Registration for Foresters, continuing education and other forestry news.

THE ALABAMA STATE  
BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR FORESTERS

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Forester Roster

Frequently Asked Questions

Board Calendar

Directions

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## Some Dates To Remember...

**19th Annual Alabama Landowner and TREASURE Forest Conference;** October 17-18; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach, AL

Registration fee is \$65 and includes a tour, banquet, indoor sessions and luncheon. A silent auction benefiting the ATFA will be held through noon on Friday. For registration information, contact Fran Whitaker at (334) 265-8733.

**Forests at Work: National Convention, Society of American Forester;** October 5-9; Winston-Salem, NC. Contact Madelaine Morgan at (301) 897-8720, ext. 111 for registration and other information.

**Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Society of American Foresters;** November 3-5; Macon, GA. For additional information contact Charles Hall at (706) 845-9085.

**Southern Forestry GIS Conference;** November 5-7; Athens, GA. Contact Arlene at (706) 542-3063 for more information.

**National Tree Farm Convention;** November 7-10; Asheville, NC. Call Stephanie Brown at the American Forest Foundation; (202) 463-2733 to register.

**Capital Ideas--Live! Telephone News Conference for Alabama Forest Owners;** November 20, 10:00 a.m.. Listen to live conference on toll free phone line. Registration is free to Alabama Forest Landowner Association members. Call (205) 987-8811 to register.

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· **Category 2:** The development, preparation, and presentation of forestry or forestry related subject matter for Category 1 courses. Two hours of credit is given for each hour of presentation.

· **Category 3:** Other organized course work not specifically forestry related, but beneficial to the licensee. Examples include course work in real estate, finance, appraisal, and computer science. One hour of credit is given for each hour of actual course work.

· **Category 4:** The preparation, writing and publication of forestry or forestry related material. 15 hours of credit is given for each publication requiring technical review, and 5 hours of credit is given for an article or series of articles of substantial nature appearing in magazines, newspapers, or other publications.

· **Category 5:** Self-improvement in forestry or forestry related subjects. Examples include self-study through publications or audio-visual presentations of technical forestry subjects, and independent study programs that are forestry related. One hour of credit is given for each hour of activity.

· **Category 6:** Participation as an elected or appointed official or committee member in forestry or forestry related professional organizations. Five hours of credit is given annually for holding an office, chairing a committee, or active committee membership.

Each registered forester is responsible for documenting his/her continuing education requirement fulfillment, and must retain this documentation for a period of two years. The board audits continuing education fulfillment each year by randomly selecting 20% of the registered foresters and requiring them to send in their documentation for review by the Board.

Ken Day is the Continuing Education Committee Chairman for the Board, and should be contacted with questions regarding credit hours for courses or other forms of continuing education.

Additional detail on the continuing education policy is available on the Alabama Board of Registration for Forester's web site: [www.alsbrf.org](http://www.alsbrf.org).

*Contributed By Board Member Karen Boyd,  
International Paper, Courtland*



### Logger of the Year

## Daniel & Son Logging Receives Award

Herman "Hunky" Daniel and his family were recognized as the 2001 Logger of the Year Award winners at the recent annual meeting of the Alabama Loggers Council. Hunky and his wife Terry have been in the logging business for over twenty five years. Hunky entered the business as a way to help supply the sawmill he inherited from his father. As times changed, and the market for cross ties deteriorated, Hunky made the decision to start logging full time.

Hunky and his family have been very involved in the community of Union Springs for many years. Hunky

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has served on the Bullock County Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Bullock Memorial School and many other civic organizations.

Hunky has also been very active in the Alabama Loggers Council since its formation; having served as the first director of the Capital District for several years and as Council Chairman for five years. His responsibility has also extended beyond Alabama as well. He served as vice president of the Southern Logging Coalition and as a charter member of the American Loggers Council.

Over his twenty five years in business, Daniel has demonstrated savvy business skills, operating a 3,000 square foot shop and two logging crews, he has managed to keep his crews working despite the hard times faced by the forest industry.

Hunky truly represents the kind of logger we need more of working in the woods of Alabama. Congratulations Hunky; keep up the good work.

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- If the Chairman finds the complaint has merit he issues a cease and desist order.
- If the violator does not comply, the matter is

turned over to the Attorney General's office for prosecution.

We at The Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters need your assistance and support to apprehend and prosecute violators so Registered Foresters can continue to serve the people of Alabama in an ethical and professional manner.

*Contributed By Board Member Leh Bass,  
Green South Land & Timber, Opelika*

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## **Log-a-Load for Kids Offers Chances on Expedition**

Ford Motor Company has generously donated a 2003 Ford Expedition to be awarded at the Forest Resource Association's 2003 Annual Meeting, May 3, 2003 at Lake Tahoe, Nevada. FRA has provided materials for participating in the drawing to state Log-a-Load coordinators and FRA members, who will provide a chance for the drawing to donors who make a contribution of at least \$20 to the local Log-a-Load program, or six chances for \$100.

On May 3, the drawing will be held enabling the lucky winner to claim his/her vehicle at any convenient Ford dealer.

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