



THE REGISTERED FORESTER

Forestry Community Comes together to Give Teachers a Good Look at Forestry in Alabama

Thanks to the hard work of many registered foresters and others in the forestry community, the 34th Annual Teachers Conservation Workshop was a great success. Held this summer at the Lodge and Conference Center in Opelika, the workshop offered teachers in grades K-12 a chance to learn about the natural beauty of Alabama and our abundant natural resources.

The workshop provided lessons in tree identification, wildlife, water quality, forest management, soils, and many other important topics related to natural resources. Field trips to an ecology preserve, a demonstration forest, a logging site, a paper mill, a sawmill and other sites helped demonstrate the beauty of our forests and the technology that provides the products we use every day. Susan Woods, a 5th grade teacher from Ozark said of the sawmill tour, "I especially enjoyed our visit to the sawmill. The equipment was amazingly advanced. I had no idea that computers were used so much in a sawmill." Through these field trips, teachers were able to see the care our industry takes of the forest as we grow, harvest and convert

trees to paper and solid wood products.

Also, through some special presentations, participants were reminded of why they chose teaching as a career and how the little things they do can impact their students. These presentations seem to mean the most to many of the teachers. One remarked "Every

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USDA and SAF Agree on Role of Certified Forester

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) and the US Department of Agriculture recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that officially recognizes that a person who is a Certified Forester (CF) according to the standards set by SAF also meets the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) competency standards for providing forestry assistance. The MOU recognizes that SAF can recommend CFs to NRCS for consideration as Technical Service Providers.

The Board has written the Alabama State Office of NRCS to remind the agency that Alabama law requires that anyone providing forestry advice or assistance to private landowners must be licensed by the Board. We do not see this as a problem. The professional staff at the Alabama State Office is well aware of the requirements of Alabama law. But, since this is a national program, we wanted to go on record prior to the program's implementation with a reminder of Alabama's registration and licensing legislation.

Written by Board Chairman, Emmett Thompson



Assistant Workshop Director Ed Lewis, Smurfit-Stone, tangles the teachers up as he teaches them how the parts of a tree function in the PLT activity "Tree Factory."

Board Highlights--July 2003

Notes from State Board Meeting

The Board of Registration for Foresters met on July 23, 2003 in Montgomery. Members present were: Emmett Thompson, Kenneth Day, Melissa Love and Rhett Johnson.

The Board reviewed applications for licensing and approved the following applicants for examination: Joycelyn N. Wilson, Cameron D. Isbell, and Travis M. Gardner. Written exams were held on July 9, 2003 for ten applicants. Nine passed the exam; one did not. One oral examination was also given, and that applicant passed as well. The Board also granted reciprocity to Frederic W. Stokes and Thomas F. Pelletier based on certification from the Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters that they currently hold valid Mississippi licenses.

Thompson and Oates reported on the Alabama Forests Forever Foundation. As chairman of the Board, Thompson is a member of the Board of Directors for this Foundation. In February the AFFF Board approved setting aside \$140,000 for forestry education grants to be dispersed in July. Oates also reported on a recent landowner survey sponsored by this Foundation.

The Board followed up on a previous discussion concerning doing an on-line version of its newsletter for those foresters who would prefer to receive an electronic copy. Few responses were received from the article in the last issue of the *Registered Forester*, all except one were positive.

The Board met with representatives of the Alabama Division of the Society of American Foresters, Mark Bond (RF# 1543) and Lee Laechelt (RF#454) to discuss the relationship between the Board and the SAF. Bond was asked to write a letter to Governor Riley nominating three registered foresters to serve on the Board and requesting that he appoint one of them to replace Emmett Thompson, whose term on the Board expires in January 2004.

The Board elected the following new officers for SFY 2004:

- Chairman, Lehman Bass
- Vice Chairman, Ken Day
- Secretary,

State Board of Registration for Foresters

Emmett Thompson,
Chairman
Forest Stewardship Committee
Public Information Committee

Lehman Bass,
Vice Chairman
Examinations Committee

Kenneth Day
Secretary
Violations Committee

Rhett Johnson
Rules & Regulations Committee
Continuing Education Committee

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Don't Forget! Renewal Time

Renewal forms were mailed out to all Registered Foresters on the first of July. These must be returned to the Board office by September 30, 2003.

Each Registered Foresters must complete ten hours of continuing education in the two year period prior to license renewal. These CFEs must be completed by September 30th. See page four of this newsletter for excerpts from the Board policy on license renewal. *A fifty dollar late fee will apply to forms received after September 30th.* If forms are not received by December 31, 2003 you must reapply for your license.

2004 Fees

Application Fees	\$ 50
Renewal Fees	
Active	\$ 75
Inactive	\$ 30
Late Fee	\$ 50
Reinstatement Fees	\$125
Lost License	\$ 10

Continuing Education for Foresters Opportunities

Course	Location	Date	CFE Hours
<p>Timber Tax Seminar Call Larry Tankersly at the Tennessee Forestry Association, (615) 883-3832</p>	Nashville, TN	October 1	
<p>Timber Tax Seminar Call Larry Tankersly at the Tennessee Forestry Association, (615) 883-3832</p>	Jackson, TN	October 2	
<p>Southeastern SAF Annual Conference Call Charles Hall at (706) 845-9085 for more information</p>	Mobile, AL	October 5-8	12.5
<p>EPA Threat to Destroy Markets for Southern Pine Call Bill Frazier (334) 864-9955 for more information.</p>	Chambers County	October 9	
<p>Balancing Wood, Water & Wildlife For more information about the above courses, contact Preceda at (334) 514-3000.</p>	Jackson, MS	October 21	12
<p>Timber Harvesting For more information about the above courses, contact Preceda at (334) 514-3000.</p>	Macon, GA	October 14	12
<p>Prescribed Burning Contact Amy Vickery at (662) 325-0705 for more information.</p>	Starkville, MS	October 14-17	
<p>Fire Lane & Road Planning, Chemical Treatment, Site Prep., and Tree Planting Call Bill Norman at (334) 335-5296</p>	Crenshaw County	October 16	

Change of Address Form

Please update the information found in the Roster of Registered Foresters by sending this form by mail to the Board of Registration at 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130; fax: 334-353-3641 or email it to psears@elmore.rr.com).

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Company: _____ **Email:** _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

A Brief Overview: Forty Years of Forestry History

Prepared by Harry E. Murphy, RF#299

On September 13, 1957 at 8:22 PM, Governor Jim Folsom signed into law Act No. 533 of the 1957 Alabama Legislature, authorizing the establishment of the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters (ABRF). The Board was organized and held its first meeting on January 27, 1958 at the Alabama Forestry Division Office, 711 High Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

In the summer of 1950, the Alabama Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, meeting in Florence, Alabama, gave the first formal consideration of having a bill to provide for the licensing of foresters. Ivan R. Martin was Chapter Chairman and he appointed a committee to draft a legislative bill. By the 1954 meeting of the Alabama Chapter, a final draft of a Bill was adopted. It was introduced in the 1955 Legislature, but did not get on the calendar that year. It was not until 1957 that the Legislature passed the Act providing for the Registration and Licensing of Foresters. A big push for enactment by the Alabama SAF Chapter occurred in 1957, when Jimmy Owens, Chairman, appointed another legislative committee consisting of Bill Sizemore Chairman, John Bradley, John Corbin, E. E. Hale, John Kirpatrick, Earl Porter, Nicholas Stallworth and Jake Stauffer.

Each member was to be assessed a dollar to help defray the cost of advising the membership of the legislative action. The assessment was disappointing. Bill Black, Secretary/Treasurer of the Chapter, reported only 113 members contributed.

In reading the correspondences contained in the Auburn Archives I was impressed with the dedication of the members in pursuing the establishment of the Act. They were not a bit discouraged by not getting the Act through the 1955 Legislature, but planned to try again in 1957 and succeeded.

A number of interesting correspondence(s) were generated by our SAF members with regard to trying to pursue the Bill through the Legislature.

In a letter from Mr. Hale to Bill Sizemore, who was Chairman of the Committee, Hale said, "There are certain Legislators who were especially helpful on the

forester licensing bill. And I think we should name them; Gerald Bradford of Grove Hill, Sim A. Thomas of Eufaula, Ralph Windle of Aliceville, Jesse Brown from Vernon, Rankin Fife from Hamilton, W. E. Oden from Russellville, Brian Davis from Cullman and of course, one of our great friends now deceased, Hugh Kall (who actually brought the word to Hilton Watson and Sizemore the day on which the Bill was signed by Governor Folsom.)"

Following the bill being signed, Bill Sizemore, Chairman of the Alabama Chapter, submitted a list of names to Governor Folsom to be Board Members. Governor Folsom selected Jake Stauffer, Alabama State Forester, Vance Miles of Gulf States, Professor DeVall of Auburn University, John C. Mitchell of TVA, and C. T. Prout of SCS to serve as the first Board of Registration for Foresters in Alabama.

Now the Board was as poor as paupers were. The Legislature did not appropriate any money and never has. The Alabama Chapter did not have any either. However, the Alabama Forestry Council agreed to donate \$450 to purchase supplies, "as the Board has no funds with which to get started and it has immediate need for such items as an official seal, letterhead designs, certificates, stationery, and clerical assistance." Some of this money came from a sale of the forestry handbook the Council had published.

As we reflect back, there was some opposition even by members of the SAF Alabama Chapter to having a licensing bill. Imposing was the great unity within the Alabama Forestry community to have this bill. They saw a need. A need to protect the public from fraud, chicanery, deceit, hoax, and other types of treachery. But there was an important serendipity value that Jake Stauffer, State Forester understood. That was to assure those positions in public service requiring the supervision and management of forest and natural resources be managed by qualified individuals. The licensing of foresters would help him in obtaining for the Alabama Division of Forestry, qualified people that served and advised the public on Forestry and Natural Resources. That was no small matter because in those days there was a great deal of political patronage of public service positions...

To read the rest of this article, please go to the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters web site, www.alsbrf.org.

New Registered Foresters

Gerald L. Brace #1940
International Paper
200 Jensen Road
Prattville, AL 36067
(334) 361-5846

Steven M. Jones, II #1933
Alabama Forestry Commission
1527 Sportsman Lake Road
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 734-0573

Frederick W. Stokes #2294
P.O. Box 563
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 294-0540

Michael J. Caylor #1938
Auburn Timberlands, Inc.
P.O. Box 3604
Auburn, AL 36831
(334) 821-9282

Jon K. Lindsey, #1935
Forest Management Inc.
60 Commerce Street
Savannah, TN 39372
(731) 925-7864

Joseph B. Waldrep #1936
Ala. Coop. Extension Service
216 Extension Hall
Auburn University, AL 36849
(334) 844-3684

John J. Flood #1939
Rayonier
P.O. Box 608
Green Springs Cove, FL 32403

Eric D Magnus #1934
TP Young Logging Company
1810 South Main Street
Linden, AL 36748
(334) 295-8696

Eric B. Whitaker #1932
Whitaker Forest Service
983 County Road 415
Killen, GA 35645
(256) 757-4377

Paul E. Garmon #1937
Alabama Power Company
P.O. Box 2641
Birmingham, AL 35291
(205) 257-6870

Thomas F. Pelletier #2295
Huber Resources Corporation
7300 Old Country Club Place
Meridian, MS 39305
(601) 553-3125

Randall E. Whitaker #1941
Thompson Appalachian Hardwood
P.O. Box 160
Huntland, TN 37345
(246) 582-6747

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teacher needs to hear Mr. James Hughes' story about a special look he received from a teacher. His talk was priceless."

The workshop is aimed at encouraging teachers to incorporate environmental education into their classrooms. Michelle Dean, an elementary school teacher at Lee-Scott Academy in Auburn, said she was so excited about Project Learning Tree that she used three of the activities in the first week of school this year. "Hands on activities like Tree Factory are a great way to get my students learning about the parts of a tree and not even realize they are learning. They had a lot of fun pretending to be the parts of a tree."

We go to great lengths to provide teachers with material they can use. The many sponsors make this workshop possible. While there are too many to list individually; the Alabama Forestry Association and staff of the TCW would like to thank all who contributed to the workshop this year. The AFA staff would also like to thank all of the volunteers who gave

of their time to make this workshop possible, especially workshop director, Ashley Smith (RF#1826) with MeadWestvaco and assistant director Ed Lewis (RF#1162), and Anne Rilling, both with Smurfit-Stone, and Don Kimberly (RF#751) with International Paper.



Summary of Enforcement Activities Taken by Board

The philosophy of the Board is that educating and seeking voluntary compliance best serve the public interest. Therefore enforcement actions first seek to correct and rehabilitate before pursuing punitive measures. A summary of ongoing complaint investigation is presented on page six in tabular format. Names and other sensitive information has been removed to protect the identities of the principals.

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Complaint Number	Alleged Violation(s)*	Status
2002-001	1,2	<i>Closed</i> ; the accused complied with a cease and desist notice.
2002-002	5	<i>Pending</i> ; the Assistant Attorney General Counsel assigned to the Board is evaluating an attorney’s request for a temporary stay of action pending the availability of the accused.
2003-001	2	<i>Closed</i> ; the accused complied with a cease and desist notice.
2003-002 UPDATED	1,2	<i>Pending</i> ;accused has been notified to cease and desist and conform with the corrective action. Response received, closure pending
2003-Informal ADDED	1	<i>Pending</i> ; Dialogue ongoing to clarify policy interpretations.

Summary of Violations*

1. Practice or offer to practice the profession of forestry without being registered or exempted.
2. Use in connection with name or other wise assume, or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that one is a registered forester, without being registered or exempted in accordance with the Code of Alabama 1975, Chapter 12, Section 34-12
3. Present or attempt to use as one’s own, the license of another, or any person who shall give any false or forged evidence of any kind to the Board or any member thereof in obtaining a license.
4. Attempt to use an expired or revoked license.
5. Violate any of the provisions of the Code of Alabama 1975, Chapter 12, Section 34-12.