



# THE REGISTERED FORESTER

## Online Renewals Off to a Successful Start

The new on-line license renewal process which became available the first week of July is off to a successful start. The Board has received a number of testimonials expressing satisfaction at the speed and ease of the online transaction. Through the end of July, 145 renewals had been transacted via the system.

This performance compares to only minimal renewal activity during the same period last year. Foresters renewing online have only reported a limited number of minor problems. Software issues identified were referred to the contractor and quickly resolved and the system is fully functional.

The on-line renewal system can be accessed at the Board's website.

While we encourage you to use the on-line renewal, you still have the choice of printing a copy of the renewal form, completing the required information (including CFE documentation), attaching a check and submitting it by mail. It is important that you remem-

### Board Undergoes Sunset Review

Over the past several months the Alabama Board of Registration has been undergoing a number of audits by the Examiners of Public Accounts precursory to a review by the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee. The culmination of this process was the Board's appearance before the Committee on August 25th. You may download and review a copy of the audit report at the Examiners of Public Accounts website: <http://www.examiners.state.al.us>. Once at the site click the link for Special Reports/Sunset Reviews, then choose Audit Report 26S-001, Board of Registration for Foresters, Montgomery, Alabama, 8/24/2005.

ber the completed (filled out) renewal form must have your renewal check attached to be processed. Any incomplete renewal that is received, will be returned to you and it could mean that a late fee will be assessed if the completed package is not postmarked by September 30th.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Pam Sears through email at [Pam.Sears@asbrf.alabama.gov](mailto:Pam.Sears@asbrf.alabama.gov).

*Submitted by Board Member Ken Day*

### Response to "Agency Disclosure" Article

Last month we ran an article on the Board's efforts to help landowners better understand the relationship between themselves and forestry professionals, both registered foresters and non-foresters. Part of this effort will be clarifying the role of the forestry professional seeking to buy a landowners timber versus those helping a landowner to sell his/her timber.

The Board sees four types of business relationships between landowners and forestry professionals that need better definition. They are:

- 1) A non-forester working to buy the owner's timber.
- 2) A non-forester working to sell the owner's timber.
- 3) A Registered Forester working to buy the owners's timber.
- 4) A Registered Forester working to sell the owner's timber.

It is important that all Registered Foresters under-

*Please see **Agency Disclosure**, page 3*

## Alabama Forests Forever Board Awards Grants

One of the responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board of Registration for Foresters is to serve on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Forests Forever Foundation. This body decides how the money from the Alabama Forests Forever license plates is spent. In June the committee met to discuss the grant requests that were made of the foundation for 2005.

Over seventy organizations, requesting in excess of \$313,000, sent in proposals for some very good and important forestry education projects. Unfortunately, there was only about \$150,000 in available grant money. The Forest Stewardship Committee, established by the legislation that created the Alabama Forests Forever License Plate, made recommendations to the AFF Board concerning ways to spend the available grant money. The list below shows the grants that were approved, and the amount they received.

If you do not have a Forests Forever License plate on your vehicle(s), please consider purchasing one. The money goes to some excellent forestry education programs and is a great way to help promote your livelihood. The \$50 tax deductible contribution allows you to personalize your license plate with one of the tags seen below while helping out a great cause.

*Submitted by Board Member Rhett Johnson*

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## Alabama Forests Forever 2005 Grant Recipients

Alabama Forestry Foundation	Teachers Conservation Workshop	\$ 4,000
Alabama Project Learning Tree	PLT Teacher Workshop	\$ 10,000
Alabama Forestry Foundation	FFA Forestry Judging Competition	\$ 1,295
Longleaf Alliance, Auburn SFWS	Professional Landowner Development	
	Courses in Longleaf Pine	\$ 10,000
Forestry Awareness Week Now	Various Counties	\$ 51,030
ATFA	Classroom in the Forest	\$ 62,000
Wiregrass RC&D	Education Workshops	\$ 2,500
Butler County Forestry Planning Co.	2005 Natural Resources Youth Camp	\$ 1,675
Anniston Museum of Natural History	Interpreting Forests Project	\$ 6,300
		<b>\$148,800</b>

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stand how formalizing the roles of the above mentioned four professional players in timber sales will affect their working relationship with landowners. As discussed in the last newsletter, a committee has been established to review and consider this issue. Committee members include: Philip Sassnett, Keville Larson, Jack Fillingham, Chris Isaacson and Board member Melisa Love. This committee is seeking your feedback on this issue. If you have any thoughts, please contact Pam Sears at the Board office. To date, the Board has received the following two replies.

Dear Pam:

I just wanted to let you know that I think the "agency disclosure" discussed in the last Registered Forester News Letter is a great idea. This would be a step directly towards the Board's main goal, protecting Alabama's landowners. Let me know if I can help,

Alexander McCall  
V.P. Larson & McGowin, Inc.

Dear Lisa:

I thought I would share with you a little of what I thought on the disclosure issue. I think it is a good idea but my concern is how do you police it. In the real estate business we have to disclose to every one we talk to even before we show the property who we represent. We have to get each prospect to sign a form stating that we have described our services and they understand who we represent. This is law passed by the legislature and the Alabama Real Estate Commission audits our files to make sure we are in compliance. It is extra work and trouble but it is good for the consumer. I think the same for forestry is good but I think there needs to be a system to check to make sure everyone is in compliance.. I think we need a system to check everyone for this to be effective. Call me if you would like to talk any further. My office is 334-270-1291.

Thanks,  
Eddie Carleson

## New Registered Foresters

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(205) 392-5931  
michaeldelaney@delaneyinc.net

Hallman, Tony L. # 1990  
Property Appraiser  
P. O. Box 241687  
Montgomery, AL 36124  
(334) 270-8687  
tony.hallman@farmcreditbank.com

Tillery, Bobby R. # 1988  
KyKenKee, Inc.  
P. O. Box 290  
Vance, AL 35490  
(205) 553-8593  
bobbytillery@hotmail.com

Delaney, Scott T. # 1986  
Delaney Development, Inc.  
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Bellamy, AL 36901  
(205) 392-5931  
scottd@delaneyinc.net

Lowery, Steven Todd  
Lower Dixie Timber Company  
P.O. Box 248  
Thomasville, AL 36784  
(205) 636-1500  
jtnt@pinebelt.net

Varner, Allen E. # 1982  
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Anniston, AL 36207  
(205) 229-3166  
asba4v@bellsouth.net

Gardner, Travis M. # 1983  
Time Limited Forestry  
P.O. Box 619  
Elba, AL 36323  
(334) 897-5948  
timeltd@alaweb.com

Sams, Matthew D. # 1991  
Covered Bridge Timber, Inc.  
5029 Scenic View Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35210  
(205) 594-4451  
coveredbridgetimber@alltel.net

Graham, John M. # 1987  
Mississippi Forestry Commission  
P. O. Box 468  
Lumberton, MS 39455  
(601) 796-8892  
graham1@netdoor.com

Smith, Joseph B. # 1984  
Alabama Forestry Commission  
221 County Road 423  
Clanton, AL 35045  
(205) 755-3042  
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### Make Sure You're Up-To-Date!

Please go to the "Foresters" section on the Board's web site [www.asbrf.alabama.gov](http://www.asbrf.alabama.gov) and make sure your information is up-to-date. You can make changes on line, or by contacting Pam Sears at (334) 353-3640 or by email at [psears@elmore.rr.com](mailto:psears@elmore.rr.com)

## CFE Misconceptions

First of all, let me say up front that I am not a writer or publicist. I am a forester like you that enjoys all our natural resources. With that out of the way, there are several misconceptions about Continuing Forestry Education (CFE's) and I will attempt to simplify these.

I suppose the first misconception is that you need all of your CFE's in Category 1 or 2. No you don't! You must have a minimum of 5 contact hours in Category 1 or 2. The remaining 5 hours can come from Categories 3 through 6. However, the entire requirement may be met with hours in Category 1 only.

The second misconception is that many of your activities would not qualify, but in most cases they will. Activities such as professional meetings or workshops, fawn program, PLT, PLM training etc., all qualify somewhere within the six different Categories. Of course you need documentation that you attended and a copy of the agenda to back it up.

The third misconception is that you only get credit for forestry related work or subjects. Not true! How about real estate, finance, appraisal, business management, etc.? Yes, these qualify and many more as well.

The fourth misconception is that Ken McNabb with the Society of American Foresters or myself with the State Board of Registration for Foresters has to approve all your CFE's. No, this is not correct either. All you need to do is send in your documentation along with your renewal form (on-line registration is now available) and make sure everything is correct.

To avoid all these misconceptions, you need to review the Policy Statements (Chapter 380-X-06.04) titled "Continuing Education". If you are like me, you probably need to review this often in order to keep it straight in your mind as to what qualifies and which Categories are appropriate.

Last, I might mention that Category 2 is likely to have changed before this article is published. The phrase professional level is being inserted before the words forestry or forestry related course work. The board will appear before the Sunset Committee on August 25th with several changes, but only this one affects any Category of CFE's.

If you have any questions concerning CFE's, feel free to contact me. My phone number and e-mail address is listed on the Board's new website.

*Submitted by Board Member David Wright*

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## Reports Show Significant Damage in Mississippi from Katrina

The Mississippi Forestry Commission reports for following damage estimates, as of September 14:

Pine Pulpwood- \$204,000,000 (10,164,000 cords)

Hardwood Pulpwood-\$92,000,000 (4,425,000 cords)

Pine Sawtimber - \$755,000,000 (2,157,000 MBF)

Hardwood Sawtimber - \$234,000,000 (1,052,000 MBF)

Total damaged volume in cords :

***(Pulpwood and sawtimber): 24,211,773 cords***

Total damaged volume in cubic feet

***(Pulpwood and sawtimber): 3.1 billion cubic feet***

Total (Estimated) Mississippi Timber Damage:  
***\$1,285,000,000***

*Some comparisons of the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan (2004) and Hurricane Katrina (2005):*

- Ivan: 20+ million tons of forest products
- Katrina (MS only): approximately 60 million tons
- Ivan: total timber value damaged: \$610,000,000
- Katrina (MS only): approximately \$1.3 billion
- Ivan: 12 counties with timber damage
- Katrina reports 38 Mississippi counties damaged
- Ivan: Alabama salvaged approximately 25% of damage
- Katrina salvage efforts have begun and continue

## SUMMARY OF BOARD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The philosophy of the Board is that educating and seeking voluntary compliance best serves the public interest. Therefore enforcement actions first seek to correct and rehabilitate before pursuing punitive measures. A summary of ongoing complaint investigations is presented below in tabular format.

Complaint Number	Alleged Violation(s)*	Status
2002-002 Updated	5	Pending: The Assistant Attorney General Counsel assigned to the Board has evaluated an attorney request for a temporary stay of action. Case formerly on hold pending availability of accused. Counsel action requested. Board advised by accused's counsel that he is still unavailable. Accused was requested to appear before Board at first available opportunity. Complainant advised to seek civil action. No further Board action anticipated until civil action concluded or accused appears before Board
2003-Informal-2 Updated	1	Pending: Accused notified to cease and desist and confirm corrective action w/Board. Ongoing dialogue to achieve satisfactory corrective action. Counsel action requested.
2004- Formal -1 Updated	1,2	Pending: Formal complaint form filed, investigation initiated. Individual responded to Board's initial inquiries and Board will follow up with personal visit to clarify response and assure compliance. Personal contact initiated and response deemed satisfactory pending further Board action to clarify such situations. Board has requested written confirmation of professional relationship.
2004-Formal-2 Updated	1,2	Pending: Formal complaint form filed, investigation initiated. "Cease and desist" request issued by Board. Individual has responded through legal counsel and has asked for more specific information on charges against. Referred to Counsel for further action.
2004-Formal-3 Updated	1,2	Pending: Formal complaint form filed, investigation initiated. Individual informed of complaint but has failed to respond to Board's communication. Counsel action requested.
2004-Formal-4	5	Pending: Formal complaint form filed; investigation initiated. Individual informed of charges against and has not yet responded to Board. Board informed by accused's counsel of non-availability of accused. Board has requested that accused appear before Board at first opportunity. Complainant advised to seek civil action.
2004-Formal-5	1	Pending: Formal complaint filed; notification by Board. Further action pending response. No response to date-third letter to be sent - counsel advised of non-response.
2005-Informal-1	1,2	Informal complaint filed; notification by Board. Further action pending response. Board action initiated to clarify similar relationships. Accused notified of new Board policy for future reference.
2005-Informal -2 Added	1	Non-forester cautioned about informal timber appraisal. No violation as accused stated clearly that he was not a forester and thereby qualified his appraisal estimate accordingly. Accused was advised that similar future situations should employ services of a professional licensed forester to ensure accuracy of appraisal

\*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 otherwise assume, use, 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 Code of Alabama 1975 Chapter 12, s34-12.
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 Code of Alabama 1975 Chapter 12, s34-12.

## Continuing Education Opportunities for 2005

Date	Course	Location	Contact	Phone	Email
October 6-7	<i>Basic Forest Finance</i>	Athens, GA	Ben Jackson	(706) 542-219	ben.jackson@gactr.uga.edu
October 6-7	<i>Alabama TREASURE Forest Conference</i>	Auburn	Fran Whitaker	(334) 265-8733	fwhitaker@alaforestry.org
October 10-11	<i>Forest Soils and Management Decisions</i>	Vidalia, GA	Ben Jackson	(706) 542-219	ben.jackson@gactr.uga.edu
October 13	<i>Alabama River Woodlands Corporation Tour</i>	Monroeville	Don Dean	(334) 794-4993	
October 13-14	<i>Thinning Decisions, Timing, Frequency &amp; Intensity</i>	Athens, GA	Ben Jackson	(706) 542-219	ben.jackson@gactr.uga.edu
October 22	<i>GPS Workshop</i>	Perkinston, MS	Judith Breeland	(601) 928-5286	judithb@ext.msstate.edu
October 24-26	<i>Georgia Prescribed Fire</i>	Macon, GA	Ben Jackson	(706) 542-219	ben.jackson@gactr.uga.edu
October 26	<i>Timber Wealth Management &amp; Accounting</i>	Biloxi, MS	Tammy Prather	(662) 325-8029	tprather@aoce.msstate.edu
October 27	<i>Forest Law</i>	Auburn	Robert Tufts	(334) 844-1011	tuftsra@auburn.edu
November 9	<i>Forestry Herbicides</i>	Tuscaloosa	Ken Mc Nabb	(334) 844-1044	mcnabb@auburn.edu

Please be sure to contact the person listed above for information regarding the location and exact times of these classes. The Board is not responsible for schedule changes to the above listed courses. Check the Board web site for updates to this schedule.

**If you know of any course that should be added to this list, please contact Pam Sears at the Board office.**

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