



THE REGISTERED FORESTER

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The Board of Registration for Forester's Seal

The Board's seal is modeled from the Chinese design of perpetuity and the symbols within the seal represent a factory building, the trees represent the forestry sources, the stream represents the water source, the chemistry apparatus represents science, the Aladdin's lamp represents the magic of knowledge, the silhouette represents the State of Alabama, and the gearwheel represents that of the wheel of progress.

As we begin the Sixth decade of service by the Board of Registration for the people of the State of Alabama, they are reasonably assured that those who would practice forestry in Alabama and licensed by the State of Alabama, have the knowledge, experience, and education.



Of first importance, may be the fact they are protected from fraud, deception and chicanery by the embodiment that each licensee is required by law to follow, a Code of Ethics.

To hold an Alabama Registered Forester License is more than obeying the law. It expresses a personal responsibility for the protection of the public. This is a true measure of the meaning of a profession and one of the distinguishing features of learned professionals.

RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT *Accepted by Sworn Affidavit of each Applicant*

As sworn by each Alabama Registered Forester, the Rules for Professional Conduct are governing rules each forester must adhere. They cover conflicts of interest, disclosure, safeguarding professional standards, and reporting violations. If any Registered Forester witness actions of Registered Foresters that they suspect might violate these rules, they are duty bound to report those to the Board. The Board will investigate all reports, levy any penalties, and publish any finding in our newsletter. To report a suspected violation please download the form from our website and send to our office. For your reference the Rules for Professional Conduct (also on the website) are:

- 1) Advertise only in a dignified manner, setting forth in truthful and factual statements the services one is prepared to render for prospective clients and for the public.
- 2) Strive for correct and increasing knowledge of forestry and the dissemination of this knowledge and will discourage and condemn the spreading of untrue, unfair, and exaggerated statements concerning forestry.

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- 3) When serving as an expert witness on forestry matters, in a public or private fact-finding proceeding, will base testimony on adequate knowledge of the subject matter, and render an opinion based on one's own honest convictions.
- 4) Refrain from expressing publicly, an opinion on a technical subject, unless informed as to the facts relating thereto, and will not distort or withhold data of a substantial or other nature for the purpose of sustaining a point of view.
- 5) Not voluntarily disclose information concerning the business affairs of one's principals, clients, or employers which they desire to keep confidential, unless express permission is first obtained.
- 6) Not, without the full knowledge and consent of one's principal, client or employer have an interest in any business which may influence one's judgment in regard to the work for which engaged.
- 7) Not, for the same service, accept compensation of any kind, other than from one's principal, client or employer without full disclosure, knowledge and consent of all parties concerned.
- 8) Engage, or advise one's principal, client or employer to engage other experts and specialists in forestry and related fields whenever the client's or employer's interests would be best served by such actions and will cooperate freely with them in their work.
- 9) Aid in safeguarding against the registration of persons unqualified because of lack of good moral character or of adequate training.

If one has substantial and convincing evidence of unprofessional conduct of a registered forester, one will present the information to the State Board of Registration for Foresters.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR FORESTERS

380-X-6-.04 Continuing Education.

(1) A registered forester will be required to have annually completed 10 hours of acceptable continuing education which can be taken during the two year period immediately preceding the renewal date as a condition for license renewal. Classes taken more than two years prior to the renewal date may not be used. Credit for a class may only be used once.

Technology is rapidly changing and that can have a large impact on our daily lives. Because of both updated science knowledge and new technology, all professions change, including forestry. A 1909 graduate of Dr. Schenck's Biltmore Forest School would be severely disadvantaged if not unqualified in the profession today (that's a different article for another time). As changes impact the forested public in our state, Alabama Registered Foresters must complete 10 hours of continuing education each year for renewal of our licenses. Continuing education keeps us as up to date, as possible, on changes within our profession. The Board recognizes how busy we are, and allows the window of two years for scheduling of sessions around your other

commitments. We can take a class worth 20 hours in 2017 and carryover 10 of those hours into next year's 2018 renewal. However, we cannot take the same class, multiple times, in the same year, and count it more than once for that renewal. An example would be hearing a two-hour Alabama Cooperative Extension presentation on Cogon Grass in five locations and trying to claim it for the whole ten hours of continuing education – just not allowed! Also, if audited, and the same course is submitted for several consecutive years, there needs to be agendas on file showing what content or speakers are different, otherwise it may get disqualified. The point is to update our knowledge and skills for the betterment of the public and the profession that we serve.

The wording; "acceptable continuing education," in the rule continues to give foresters issues. How to use a D-tape may be good info for landowners, but would not count for foresters continuing ed. First aid is good general knowledge, but does not count for foresters continuing ed. However, sessions on tax,

law, planning, or history can all count for foresters continuing ed. Often, we attend parts of meetings that are worthy of credit, but we do not take the necessary time to document it properly. Failure to get content evaluated prior to the event could lead to not having proper credit. We have all seen sessions listed as "Continuing Education Credits applied for" but these do not always end up with the exact hours as advertised. Sometimes that is because the qualifications of presenters and sometimes it is content descriptions on the agendas.

If job title is not self-evident of qualifications, then a brief bio or explanation of why the presenter is a subject matter expert should accompany the request for evaluation of hours. An example: During a day long public forum, a two-hour nanotechnology session by a PhD doing nanotechnology research in loblolly pine would be "acceptable continuing education for foresters" whereas a two-hour nanotechnology session by an MD doing nanotechnology application in biomed would not, even if both were on the same "Nanotechnology in Jefferson County Forum." The agenda with times listed and with the presenters' bios and abstracts would need to be submitted about the forum for evaluation of credit.

Finding, attending, or offering sessions that provide good continuing education for foresters can be challenging. Check out on-line content through the

Alabama Forestry Association (AFA) or the Society of American Foresters (SAF) if you are time or travel limited, each charge a small fee for the service. Southern Regional Extension Forestry (SREF) provides many on-line webinars at forestrywebinars.net and an extensive archive of past webinars, and are free. It takes a short time to download the software before you connect for your initial webinar, after that you can connect immediately before it begins and "be good to go, without going anywhere." Local SAF chapter meetings, regional AFA meet and greets, county forestry planning committee meetings, and seminar series at colleges and universities offer other continuing education opportunities with a chance to network and they even feed you.

There is a minimum acceptable standard that must be met in order to receive the assigned hours for continuing education. Universities, associations, and other organizations are always examining the educational content they provide, to insure they are relevant to the needs of their customers. Our frame of reference changes through our careers, and continuing education requirements must change to support the dynamic profession that we work in. Participation in continuing education courses insures that we are accountable to our profession and the public in a process of continual improvement and qualification. Continuing Education for Foresters renews and increases our knowledge and skills for the betterment of the public and the profession that we serve.

FOREST HEALTH COOPERATIVE Lori Eckhardt, Director

School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, Auburn University

The Forest Health Cooperative was organized in 2008 by Drs. Lori Eckhardt and Scott Enebak at the School of Forestry and Wildlife Science. The goal of the Forest Health Cooperative is to bring together interested parties from forest industry, consulting companies, timber management companies and state and federal forest agencies throughout the southern US that were interested in maintaining forest health, productivity and sustainability. In our ninth year of operation, the Forest Health Cooperative (FHC) has members from forest industry, federal and state agencies, and private entities. The Cooperative's mission is to address important, current and relevant forest health issues that include disease, insect, and invasive species, in a way that addresses real world management problems in the southern United States.

Several School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences faculty work with the FHC in the establishment of research projects, technology transfer, continuing education and timely publications. Faculty members involved with the FHC bring their expertise in pathology, entomology, silviculture, genetics, plant physiology and invasive plants. The amount of time each allocates to FHC activities is related to their own discipline and interest in forest health work. These activities fall into three general areas: Research, Technology Transfer, and Cooperative Development. The Forest Health Cooperative already has an active research program that involves eight research projects falling into several general areas: disease development, pathogen ecology, insect ecology, insect and disease management, and invasive species management (both insects and

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plants). Examples of current and past research projects include potential invasive insect pests that may impact the southeast forest industry, quantification of the impact of root disease on tree growth and survival, invasive plants that impact the health of a stand.

Membership is offered at four levels: Full, Associate, Maintaining, and Sustaining. To ensure that members are kept up-to-date on any new research or developments on Forest Health that may affect them, the Forest Health Cooperative has an active Technology Transfer program and offers short courses on Forest Health and Insect and Disease Identification. A newsletter that includes research updates, articles, and technical reports is sent to members every spring and fall. An Advisory Meeting is held each June at which time accomplishments, research reports and new research project proposals are presented. Differing levels of membership allow organizations to join at the level of their interest. Benefits vary among membership levels, but include access to Forest Health Cooperative Webpage, annual Newsletter, Research and Technical Reports, Email and Telephone Consulting, and participation in Workshops. Full members, serve on the Advisory Council and vote and direct research direction and budgetary decisions. Membership dues go toward the salaries of one full-time research associate, an office administrative assistant, and M.S., Ph.D. and undergraduate students, as well as funds travel, installation, and analysis of Cooperative sponsored research.

To learn more visit our website at: http://www.auburn.edu/academic/forestry_wildlife/foresthealthcooperative/
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REGISTRATION FEES INCREASED FOR 2019

After careful consideration, the Board voted to increase the annual fee for active registrants from \$100 to \$130 beginning with the 2019 registration cycle. Although reluctant to increase the financial burden on Registered Foresters, the change is needed to ensure the long-term solvency of the Professional Foresters Fund. As many of you know, the Board receives no State funding and operates exclusively on fees generated from the application and registration process. The Board recently

experienced a costly expense associated with the new state accounting system mandated by previous Governor, Robert Bentley, it has been a hardship on all agencies to become acclimated to the newly required and costly system. Additionally, the increase will accommodate the normal increase in operational expenses due to inflation. This is the first increase in the registration fees since 2008.

CHANGES ARE REFLECTED IN THE TABLE BELOW.

| 2018 FEES | |
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| Application Fee | \$60 |
| Renewal Fees | |
| Active | \$100 |
| Late Penalty <small>(Paid in addition to the applicable renewal fee)</small> | \$100 |
| Reinstatement Fee <small>(Paid in addition to the applicable renewal fee)</small> | \$150 |
| Reexamination Fee | \$100 |
| Lost License | \$50 |
| Returned Check Fee | \$60 |
| Reciprocal Fee | Same as charged for Alabama applicants in the reciprocal State |

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| Application Fee | \$60 |
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| Late Penalty <small>(Paid in addition to the applicable renewal fee)</small> | \$100 |
| Reinstatement Penalty <small>(Paid in addition to the applicable renewal fee)</small> | \$150 |
| Reexamination Fee | \$100 |
| Lost License | \$50 |
| Returned Check Fee | \$60 |
| Reciprocal Fee | Same as charged for Alabama applicants in the reciprocal State |

NEW REGISTERED FORESTERS

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Luke E. Carlson
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Jason Wade Beasley

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Due to the recent change in building security,
please call for an appointment.

2019 LICENSE RENEWALS

All registered forester licenses are due to expire on September 30, 2018, unless renewed by that time. Renewal notices for the 2019 renewal period will be mailed by the Board's office on or before July 1, 2018. The renewal fee is \$130.00 for all licensees. Those who renew their licenses between October 1 and December 31 must pay \$230.00 (renewal fee + \$100.00 late fee). The online renewal application and printable form will be made available at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/renewalform.htm> beginning July 1. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the Board's office at (334) 240-9301 to request a copy of the renewal form. (Please do not attempt to renew any license prior to July 1.) Important: Those whose licenses have expired for non-renewal are prohibited from identifying themselves as registered foresters and practicing professional forestry. The Board will revoke the license of any licensee who fails to renew annually by December 31.

Foresters Granted Reciprocity in Alabama

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ROSTER CHANGE REMINDER The Board will only list business addresses in the roster unless the home address is the only address on record, in which case it will be listed as the business address. Although home addresses will not be published in the roster, licensees must continue to provide current home addresses to the Board.

UPDATE YOUR ROSTER INFORMATION Please take a moment to review your current roster information online at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/rosterofforesters.asp>. 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>.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Full Name _____

Title _____ License Number _____

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Company _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____