



THE REGISTERED FORESTER

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ForestHer

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My grandmother was not a typical sweet, southern little old lady. In our family she was known for the “5 C’s”: coffee, cigarettes, cards, Cadillacs, and cursing, and not necessarily in that order. She came of age in the early 1900s, lived through the depression, and embraced the changing roles of women in the 1940s eventually working in an airplane engine factory. She was no shrinking violet. But unfortunately, I also remember my grandma for another “C-word”. Conned. My grandparents lived on my grandmother’s “home place”. As they aged my grandfather became ill and eventually bedridden. It was not uncommon for folks in the small Mississippi community where they lived to come and check on my grandparents. One day a man who was the friend of a friend stopped by. He started visiting regularly. He would talk politics and books with my grandmother. He would bring them food from the local café. Then after several months it came up that he bought timber. He asked my grandmother about the forestland she owned - land that had been in her family since the early 1800s. He told her he could thin it for her, and it would make her some money. She thought he would be harvesting only the “little trees”, but in the end her land was clearcut and she was paid very little for it. She did not realize that this person was a timber buyer who was working for a mill and not a registered consulting forester who represented her interests. Afterwards, the timber buyer did not return her calls. He never again came by to visit. What could my grandmother have done differently? She needed information about the benefits of having a registered consulting forester, and a understanding of forestland management basics.

A report from the 2013 USDA Forest Service’s National Woodland Owner Survey found that almost half of all primary family forestland decision makers/owners are white males who are 65 years old or older. Forty-eight percent have a college degree making them better educated than the general population of the United States. When all categories are considered almost 80 percent of all primary forestland decision makers/owners are male. This information is probably not surprising to those of us who are professional foresters working with the general public.

This same report goes on to say that secondary family forestland decision makers/owners are pretty similar demographically to their primary decision maker/owner

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GOVERNOR IVY APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBER, VICTORIA M. LOCKHART

Victoria M. Lockhart, RF, was appointed to the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters by Governor Kay Ivey on January 6, 2019.



Victoria is the ESG Strategy Manager for Resource Management Service, LLC; a global timberland investment firm. In this role, Victoria works closely with internal teams and external partners to develop and implement strategic initiatives to further RMS’ Environmental, Social, and Governance goals. Previously, Victoria responsibilities at RMS included Forest Planning for forest assets in the U.S. and Silvicultural Operations for assets in North Carolina. Prior to joining RMS, Victoria led third-party certification efforts for the American Tree Farm System at the American Forest Foundation. Victoria is a registered forester in Alabama and North Carolina, and has degrees from the University of Virginia (BS) and Yale University (MF).

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counterparts with one notable exception. Just over 80% of those secondary decision makers/owners are *female*.

For various reasons, women tend to be less likely to make, or be part of, family forestland management decisions. As the current landowner population ages, we will probably see more women become the primary decision makers about their forests as they outlive their male counterparts. In fact, between 2006 and 2013 the number of female primary forestland decision makers doubled nationwide. Unfortunately these women may feel unprepared to take on this task. Based on my interactions with female landowners, ecology-based information and support from land management professionals is needed, but they are unlikely to attend informational meetings and workshops where they feel uncomfortable (for example, in locations with few other women). We are not reaching these landowners through traditional educational avenues. Alabama Extension natural resource professionals decided that a different approach was needed.

In 2016, Alabama Extension launched *ForestHER: A workshop for women who love the land*. This hand-on workshop introduces participants to topics such as map reading, compass and pacing, forest inventories, timber marketing, and the benefits of using registered consulting foresters and other land management professionals. Participants get a ForestHER logo tote bag, and notebook with copies of presentations and supplemental information. They also network with other women landowners and land management professionals.

Since its foundation, over 100 women landowners have participated in *ForestHER* workshops. Workshop participants have come from 9 states: west from Texas, north to Michigan and Ohio and south and east to Florida and the Carolinas. Participants report a 75 percent increase in knowledge forest systems and forest management techniques was reported by program participants and on average 90 percent were more confident in their abilities because of the project. Of those selected for post-workshop surveys, 100 percent implemented at least one thing they learned at a *ForestHER* workshop on their property. In hosting these workshops we have learned a few key things.

First, women who come to these workshops say that they do so because they feel it will be in a safe, relaxed setting. Many of them state that they feel uncomfortable going to meetings about forestry and land management because they do not want to ask questions and look foolish in front of others who they perceive as knowing more than they do.

"I am an only child and inherited the property from my father. It is just me now. When I grew up women were not supposed to worry about the land, so I know very little about my property. I went to a landowner meeting once but hated to ask questions because I felt like the men already knew all these things."

Second, pay attention to details like marketing, location, and food. Developing the *ForestHER* graphic to brand the program has been very beneficial. Not only has it helped with marketing the program to landowners, but extension professionals from other states request information about it as well. Interesting and comfortable locations for workshops are used, and when possible, forestland tours of properties owned and managed by women landowners are selected. Women land management professionals are also key program presenters. Make having high-quality food presented in a nice way a priority.

"I would like to thank you now and let you know how much I enjoyed it. My head is swirling with ideas for our farm! You are doing a great job with these workshops and your attention to detail makes every aspect of attending them a pleasure."

Finally, I have been told by some forestry professionals that they do not like the idea of these workshops. They think that landowners will then know too much and, as a result, will not want to hire a forester. Nothing could be further from the truth. These workshops are designed to educate landowners about forestland management so that they can communicate with registered foresters and other natural resource professionals to better manage their land. Most women come to these meetings with little to no knowledge of their property and no management plan. They leave with information to help them take steps toward active land management.

"We have been so excited about our property and have been consulting with our county rep of the AFC, and have just sent off our application for our certification for stewardship forest! We have a management plan, and an education plan, and an approved app, so we are in the process!"

Every time we host a *ForestHER* workshop I think about what happened over 25 years ago to my grandmother. And I am hopeful that we can use her misfortune to make the lives and forests of others better. Nine *ForestHER* workshops are planned for 2019. Course offerings include full/multi-day workshops on land management basics, wildlife and pond management, and mini-workshops during the lunch hour. Registration is open to everyone. To learn more or to register for a workshop contact Becky Barlow by email at becky.barlow@auburn.edu or by phone at 334.844.1019. You can also go to the Alabama Cooperative Extension System website at www.aces.edu. Select the "Calendar" link in the upper right hand corner of the homepage and then search using "forester" for a list of workshop dates and registration information.



Is the Farm Bill Having a Positive Impact on Alabama?

Tim Albritton, NRCS State Staff Forester
Auburn, AL

At least from a forestry perspective, the answer is a resounding YES! The new Farm Bill was approved by Congress and signed by the President back in December, but details cannot be released just yet. What I can say and do know is that the previous Farm Bill is having a significant positive impact across Alabama.

The 2018 Farm Bill was enacted on December 20, 2018. The Farm Bill continues its strong support for conservation efforts of America's farmers and ranchers through reauthorization and expanded flexibility of NRCS conservation programs. A significant part of the programs that are impacting Alabama landowners is the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP); and, within the EQIP program for Alabama there are many forestry related practices available for private forest landowners.

NRCS offers financial and technical assistance through conservation practices, activities and enhancements to help agricultural producers make and maintain improvements on their land. Producers with active contracts under the 2014 Farm Bill may continue completing practices as scheduled. Sign-up information for the Farm Bill 2018 will be announced as it becomes available.

The America's Longleaf Restoration Initiative or ALRI is a coalition of federal and state agencies, non-profit organizations, forest industry, private landowners, and other interests that have come together for a common cause and built a momentum that cannot be underestimated. In 2018, ALRI partners continued rebuilding the legacy of the longleaf pine and writing a new future for the longleaf ecosystem toward 8 million acres. This goal is much more than a number. Our shared accomplishments are connecting people to the land, sustaining family

forests, building a stewardship legacy, and supporting flourishing wildlife.

Alabama and the ALRI's partners within the state have done an outstanding job promoting longleaf restoration and have consistently led in accomplishments across the longleaf range or been in the top tier each year.

The America's Longleaf Restoration Initiative is nearing its 10-Year Anniversary. Ten years of steering committee meetings, planning sessions, accomplishment reports, and annual conferences. Those of us that have been involved with this initiative from the beginning probably feel a little exhausted just thinking about it.

We must continue to visualize our goals. My vision of the goal is **millions of acres of longleaf successfully established on mostly private lands with the educated landowners fully aware of what is needed to maintain a healthy stand into the future.**

I have met such a landowner and his name is Mike Chism. Mike describes himself as a "redneck conservationist." He may or may not be serious with his self-described title but is serious about managing his longleaf pine stand in Fayette County, Alabama. Mike is new to this longleaf adventure. You must appreciate a man in his mid-sixties still eager to learn and try his hand at something new.

Mike is chemically treating and mechanically treating all undesirable species that prescribed fire alone will not kill. This is real work, but it will help him develop the quality timber and the wildlife habitat he desires for his land. What is needed to successfully meet the goal of the Longleaf Initiative is more landowners like Mike Chism. The Farm Bill provides opportunities for private landowners to receive help in reaching their goals which helps the ALRI reach theirs as well.

Registered Forester Eligibility List

Noah Paul Barcroft
Forrest Taylor Bradley
John N. Bryan
Charles David Cavley
William Thomas Cook
Harold N. Cooley
James A. Dressler
Zachary Shane Dunning
James H. Ginn
Tyler M. Givens
James Clayton Glass
Hannah G. Gregson
Jack Buster Hinton
Thomas Bryant Jernigan
Caleb Killough

Truett Wood Lawrence
Wilson Barnes Lowe
Kyle Aaron Malone
Geoffrey Morton
McGovern
Grant Stearnes Ruthland
Chase Scott Seals
Justin Davenport Waters
David C. West
Nathan James Williams
Stathon Thomas Wilson
Mark Anthony Woods
John B. Young
Ryan K. Young

2020 LICENSE RENEWALS

All registered forester licenses are due to expire on September 30, 2019, unless renewed by that time. Renewal notices for the 2020 renewal period will be mailed by the Board's office on or before July 1, 2019. 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.

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS



Consider giving back to our Forestry community in Alabama and serve on the Board of Registration for Foresters

Qualifications to Serve

- Registered Forester
- Resident of Alabama
 - SAF Member
- Ability to serve for five years
 - U.S. Citizen

Responsibilities of the Board

- Monitor provisions of the law
 - Issue forester licenses
 - Assess penalties
- Adopt bylaws and rules
- Multi-state reciprocity
 - Examinations



Check out our website
www.asbrf.alabama.gov

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS



The many benefits of becoming a Registered Forester

- **IT'S THE LAW**
- **CREDIBILITY**
- **RECOGNITION**
- **NETWORKING**
- **CONTINUING EDUCATION**
- **TRAINING**
- **ASSISTING LANDOWNERS**
- **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

FORESTERS'
REGISTRATION
1975 Code of Alabama
Chapter 12
Foresters Registration & Licensing



Check out our website
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The Board now has banners; if you have an event you would like for us to attend to represent the Registered Foresters of Alabama, please let us know.

NEW REGISTERED FORESTERS

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Board Fees for 2019

Application Fee \$60.00

Renewal Fees

Active \$130.00

Late Penalty \$100.00

(Paid in addition to the applicable renewal fee)

Reinstatement Penalty \$150.00

(Paid in addition to the applicable renewal fee)

Re-Examination Fee \$100.00

License Replacement \$50.00

Returned Check Fee \$30.00

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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

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