



## Forest Certification: From the Woods to the Mills & Beyond

January 16, 2014 - Columbiana, Alabama  
*Alabama 4H Youth Development Center*

Resource Professionals,

The Alabama Forestry Commission recognizes that voluntary participation in forest certification is growing in the southern United States and that forest managers and forest industry representatives should have access to current information on these programs. As a result, the Commission is organizing and hosting a one day workshop for industry foresters and representatives, managers of wood using mills, procurement foresters, wood buyers and dealers, consultant foresters, loggers and others involved in the management, procurement and utilization of forest resources in Alabama. This workshop will be held in **Columbiana, Alabama on January 16** at the **Alabama 4H Youth Development Center**. More information can be found in the agenda and maps located within this document. We encourage you to attend this workshop and hope that this information on forest certification will be useful and timely.

The workshop is divided between a morning and afternoon session. The morning session will focus on the current status of the major certification systems in North America and the process involved in group certification for each of the major certification systems. The afternoon session will cover chain of custody and certified forest product labeling. Continuing education credits will be issued for Registered Foresters for the Morning Session (2.5 Hours CFE Category 1) and the Afternoon Session (3 Hours CFE Category 1). Continuing Logger Education credits for the Morning Session (3 Hours Environment) and Afternoon Session (3 Hours Environment).

Pre-registration is encouraged prior to **January 1, 2014** and space is limited and registration will increase after this date. Lunch and breaks are included with your registration fee and will be provided on site.

If you have any questions or would like more information on this event, please contact Bethany Elliott - [bethany.elliott@forestry.alabama.gov](mailto:bethany.elliott@forestry.alabama.gov); (334) 240-9334.

Sincerely,

Lea Anna Meadows  
Alabama Forestry Commission

## Agenda

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#### Morning Session

- 8:00 a.m. Registration (Preregistration \$35.00 / \$45.00 at the door)
- 8:45 Welcome and Introductions  
Lea Anna Meadows, Assistant Director, Forest Operations Division, Alabama Forestry Commission
- 9:00 Forest Certification Status and Overview  
Dr. Jeff Stringer, University of Kentucky
- 10:00 American Tree Farm System - Group Certification  
Chris Erwin, ATFS Certification Manager
- 10:30 Morning Break
- 10:50 Sustainable Forestry Initiative - Group Certification  
Barry Graden, Southeastern US Community Outreach
- 11:20 Forest Stewardship Council – Group Certification  
Darrel Pendris, US Southeast Regional Manager
- 12:00 Lunch (Provided)  
Introduction to the Center for Forest & Wood Certification Program in Kentucky  
Dr. Jeff Stringer, University of Kentucky

#### Afternoon Session

- 1:20 Chain of Custody 101  
Dr. Jeff Stringer, University of Kentucky
- 3:20 Afternoon Break
- 3:40 Sustainable Forestry Initiative - Labels for Forest Products  
Barry Graden, Southeastern US Community Outreach
- 4:10 Forest Stewardship Council - Labels for Forest Products  
Darrel Pendris, US Southeast Regional Manager
- 4:40 Final Questions and Closing Remarks

*Contact Sheets & Continuing Education Credits on Registration Table*

## Registration

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*Seating is limited - pre-registration is encouraged.*

Register online for the Columbiana workshop at [www.forestcertification.eventbrite.com](http://www.forestcertification.eventbrite.com), or mail this form and the registration fee to: Cawaco Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., 2112 11th Avenue South, Suite 541, Birmingham, AL 35205. You can also register by phone at (205) 623-0147.

### Columbiana Workshop

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

Organization/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pre-Registration received **by January 1, 2014** - \$35

Registration received **after January 1, 2014** - \$45

Method of Payment:  Check Make payable to: Cawaco RC&D

Visa  Mastercard  Cash

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



### DIRECTIONS TO ALABAMA 4-H CENTER

GPS: Enter **892 Four H Road** in order to get the correct driving directions.

From Birmingham/I-65: Take I-65 South to Exit 238 (Alabaster-Columbiana). Turn left onto Hwy 31. Go 6.3 miles to Hwy 70 and turn left. Follow Hwy 70 to Columbiana. Go through two traffic lights. Travel 0.3 miles past the second light and take the right fork by Shelby County High School onto Shelby County Hwy 28. Follow Hwy 28 for 4.8 miles to Hwy 145. Go straight across Hwy 145 for 1.7 miles and turn left at 4-H sign. Follow this road to the lodge.

From Birmingham/Hwy 280: Take Hwy 280 to Chelsea turning right onto Hwy 47. Go 12.8 miles to Columbiana. Go straight through traffic light into downtown Columbiana. At the next traffic light in the center of town, turn left. Travel 0.3 miles and take the right fork by Shelby County High School onto Shelby County Hwy 28. Follow Hwy 28 for 4.8 miles to Hwy 145. Go straight across Hwy 145 for 1.7 miles and turn left at 4-H sign. Follow this road to the lodge.

From Montgomery: Take I-65 North toward Birmingham. Get off at Exit 212 (Clanton-Lay Dam) turning right onto Hwy 145. Go 20.6 miles and turn right onto Shelby County Hwy 28. Go 1.7 miles and turn left at 4-H sign. Follow this road to the lodge.

From Atlanta: Take I-20 West toward Birmingham. Take exit 158 at Pell City, AL, on Hwy 231 South. From Pell City go straight through Vincent and Harpersville to Wilsonville. (Note: Hwy 231 changes to Hwy 25.) Wilsonville: Turn left at the traffic light in Wilsonville onto Hwy 61 South. Travel 2.7 miles to Hwy 145. Hwy 145 will fork to the left. Travel 3.1 miles on Hwy 145 to Hwy 28. Turn left onto Hwy 28. Go 1.7 miles and turn left at 4-H sign. Follow this road to the lodge.

From Auburn: Take Hwy 280 to Childersburg. Go over river bridge outside Childersburg and turn left onto Hwy 76. Follow Hwy 76 for 5 miles to Hwy 25. Turn left onto Hwy 25 and travel 4.4 miles to Wilsonville. Follow directions above from Wilsonville to the 4-H Center.

From Tuscaloosa: Take I-459 from Tuscaloosa to Birmingham. Take I-65 South off I-459. Travel on I-65 South to Exit 238 (Alabaster-Columbiana). Follow directions above From Birmingham/I-65 to 4-H Center.



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