

In Their Own Words . . .

Letters to the AFC

29 November 2016

To Benji Elmore
Brewton, Alabama:

I wanted to take the time to thank the Alabama Forestry Department for an outstanding job you did yesterday in Choctaw County on our property along Hwy. 84.

I know with the record drought that is in place in Alabama you guys have been working nonstop. But your guys yesterday along with the Silas Volunteer Fire Dept. did a great job containing this fire. As you know the wind was gusting all day 20+ mph. We were worried this fire would spread rapidly to other property and do much more damage. You had two guys on site, Jake Brown and Jonathan Heath, that did an excellent job in containing this fire.

I wanted to be sure and thank you and the Alabama Forestry Department for the work you do in the state of Alabama.

Sincerely,
Jeff Stokley
J. S. Land & Timber Co.
Saraland, Alabama

28 March 2017

To Steve McEachron
Lauderdale County AFC:

On behalf of the City, I sincerely appreciate all the hard work you and the Florence Tree Commission did to coordinate and host the 22nd Annual Urban Forestry and Horticulture Conference held on March 17, 2017, at Cross point Church of Christ. I understand it was a huge success! I realize that it took many, many hours to plan and you are to be highly commended for the time and effort you contributed. The Tree Commission is a tremendous asset to our City and we are grateful for all that you do to make Florence a better place in which to live.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Sincerely,
Steve Holt
Mayor, City of Florence
Florence, Alabama

August 2017

Thanks to our old friend Jerry Smith in Fort Payne, Alabama, who writes, "As you can see, even my dog enjoys Alabama's TREASURED Forests!"

22 June 2017

To Bethany Elliott
Montgomery, Alabama:

I received AFC's "Landowner Chat & Chew Session" invitation for Tuesday, June 27 at the Levee in Tuscaloosa and would like to attend the luncheon . . .

I've had an opportunity to meet with Ethan Barrett (Hale County Forestry Specialist) on several occasions at my Hale County property and been impressed with his presence and his knowledge regarding forestry and landowner issues. We look forward to his advice (and participation) as we develop our farm.

Recently Ethan and Will Liner (Urban & Community Partnership Coordinator) visited our farm to measure one of our post oaks . . . a tree that they believe may be a state champion or co-champion.

I have been receiving *Treasured [Forests]* . . . as a retired faculty member at UA who taught writing and publication design, *Treasured [Forests]* is an excellent magazine. The articles are informative and well written, photos and graphics excellent, and the design is good. *Treasured [Forests]* is a very nice publication that provides a wealth of information to its target audience and reflects positively on The Alabama Forestry Commission.

Thanks again. I look forward to meeting you Tuesday.

Alan Dennis
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

27 June 2017

To Rick Oates
Montgomery, Alabama:

On 23 June, I had a wonderful educational experience with one of your agents, Thomas Davis, in Escambia County. With his very professional assistance, he helped a small land/timber owner understand BMPs, and will help with the plan. Thanks!

Bernard Herbert Eichold II
Mobile, Alabama

