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Conservation Forestry Workshop on the Southern Cumberland Plateau

Sewanee, Tennessee May 27-29, 2008

A practical, field-based workshop to discuss skills, methods and new strategies to work with forestland and landowners to support the natural and economic productivity of forests on the Southern Cumberland Plateau.

When: Dinner, May 27 - May 29th

Topics to be covered in seminar and field sessions:

- Scheduling timber cuts and regeneration
- Effects of retention harvest on residual trees
- Emulating natural disturbance in harvests
- Wildlife management issues, with a focus on non-game species
- Loblolly pine restoration
- Implications disturbance and biological legacies on forest management
- Importance of new markets for meeting multiple values
- Innovative prescriptions to address landowner needs
- Invasive species

Who should attend?

Forest managers from state and federal agencies, private forestry consultants, environmental consultants, foresters or land managers from NGOs, and land conservation specialists.

This workshop has been approved by the Society of American Foresters for 8 Continuing Forestry Education credits.

Where:

Lectures will be at Sewanee, the University of the South and site visits will take place on the University's Domain and other nearby sites.

Field and Seminar Instructors:

- **David Arnold**, Assistant State Forester, Tennessee Division of Forestry
- **Stacy Clark**, Research Forester, US Forest Service, Southern Research Station

- **Wayne Clatterbuck**, Professor in Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- **Mike Ferrucci**, Certified Forester and Principal, Interforest, LLC.
- **Don Hodges**, Professor of Forest Economics and Policy and Director of the University of Tennessee Natural Resource Policy Center
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- **Nate Wilson**, Southeast Regional Coordinator, the Forest Guild

New concepts to be explored:

Increasingly, forest managers, policy makers and landowners around the country are looking at natural disturbance for insight in designing silvicultural treatments for long term forest management. The discipline of Ecological Forestry is emerging to provide a sound scientific underpinning and to guide forest managers in incorporating lessons learned from natural disturbance regimes. Basic research in this field enables the analysis of key characteristics of undisturbed forest systems, disturbance events and ecological responses.

Key Ecological Forestry concepts include: biological legacies, stand development processes, and disturbance events. In addition to ecological context, forest managers often find their silvicultural options limited by economic realities, social constraints, and past management practices. Scenarios ranging from commodity production to reserve management will be considered.

Background:

This workshop builds upon an ongoing training program on conservation forestry organized by the Conservation Forestry Network with support from the Forest Service Northern Research Station and others. Regional workshops have been conducted in Oregon, Maine, Georgia, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. The Open Space Institute, a non-profit land trust, and Interforest LLC, a private consulting forestry company, together with a local advisory committee are organizing the workshop.

Agenda Overview:

The Southern Cumberland Plateau Workshop will be held at the University of the South on May 28th and 29th with a welcome dinner on May 27th at 7pm. The morning of the 28th will provide attendees with a review of the latest research on forest management and a discussion of new approaches to working with landowners. The morning presentations help establish a common vocabulary for field discussions focused on implementation and practical skills.

On the evening of May 28th there will be an opportunity for a limited number of presentations by foresters and land managers on a range of topics. We will ask interested registrants to submit a brief proposal on speaking topics by May 14th.

Registration Information:

\$175 for the full workshop. The workshop is limited to 35 participants and will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

\$50 for only the indoor presentations from 8-12:30 on May 28th. Unlimited registration.

Registration includes:

- Workshop binder and CD
- Meeting room and facilities
- Transportation to and from field sites
- Meals: Dinner on the 27th, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the 28th and breakfast and lunch on the 29th

There will be opportunities for limited scholarships. Please contact Sally Schuiling for more information.

To register or to join our mailing list, please contact Sally Schuiling at sschuiling@osiny.org or call 212 290-8200 x311. Check www.osiny.org/cfn for regular updates and agenda notices.

Lodging:

Participants must make their own lodging accommodations. A block of rooms has been reserved at The Smokehouse Best Western in Monteagle, TN under the name of *Conservation Forestry Workshop*. They can be contacted at 1-800-489-2091 or lodge@thesmokehouse.com. State employees may be eligible for a discounted rate.

Less expensive options include the American Eagle Inn, 931-924-8880 or Laurel Trails Campground, 931-924-2738.