

Forest Restoration: Challenges in the upland forests of the Southeast

October 20th and 21st, 2011

University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee

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Currently, forest restoration techniques are widely applied on public lands throughout the country, but the adoption of these techniques on private lands is not widespread, especially in the Southeastern United States where non-industrial private landowners own and manage the majority of the forested landscapes. The Forest Guild's southeastern regional meeting will focus on multiple issues related to forest restoration in the southeast and will include a field visit to view and discuss how one private landowner has approached restoration in an upland oak/hickory forest.

Agenda

Thursday, October 20

Discussions 1:30pm to 5:30pm

- **Introductions and a brief history of forest management at the university** – Ken Smith and Nate Wilson, U of South
- **American chestnut restoration** – Stacy Clark, US Forest Service
- **Challenging the tenets of restoration** – Justin Hart, University of Alabama,
- **New Mexico's Collaborative Forest Restoration Program, 11 years of successful community involvement in forest management** – Walter Dunn, US Forest Service

Reception at Snowden Hall (Forestry and Geology Department) 5:30pm

Friday, October 21

Field Visits 8:30am to 12:00pm

- Visit field sites, small scale projects on the university's property, fire and thinning to propagate oak and native grasses and hill cane

Lunch at McClurg Dining Hall 12:00pm

Discussions 1:30pm to 5:00pm

- **Why some restoration projects in National Forests are challenged**– Sarah Francisco, Southern Environmental Law Center
- **Cooperative efforts to restore high elevation forests in West Virginia** – Amy Cimarolli, The Nature Conservancy
- **Collaboration in the Bankhead National Forest** – Mark Kolinski, WildSouth
- **Experiences with fire and oak regeneration on Kentucky's Cumberland Plateau** – Mary Arthur, U of Kentucky
- **Old growth, fire histories, and climate on Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau** – Patrick Vestal, U of South
- **Forest Biomass Retention and Harvesting Guidelines for the Southeast** – Bob Perschel, Forest Guild

Dinner at Forestry Cabin 5:30pm