

# SC TREE FARM FORESTRY CONFERENCE

November 12, 2008, Hilton Head Marriott, Hilton Head Island, SC

**Who Should Attend:** The Conference is open to all landowners, Tree Farmers, foresters, natural resource professionals, and others interested in improving forest management, or learning more about Tree Farm certification, biomass utilization, carbon sequestration, Farm Bill, and the present and future of forestry.



Chastain

Simpson

Love

Glasgow

Barmore

Thomas

**Registering:** Conference registration is \$90 before Nov. 5 and \$100 after. Fee includes lunch. Registration is being handled through the SC Forestry Association office. Contact Sandy Jennings at 803/798-4170, Ext. 10 or sandy@sforestry.org. Event is limited to 100 people. For additional conference information, contact Dr. Walter A. McPhail at 864/288-7618.



McPhail

**Program Chair:** Dr. Walter A. McPhail is a family forest owner. He serves on the SC Tree Farm Committee; SC Forestry Association Board; Forest Landowners Association Board; and Clemson University's Forestry Advisory Committee. He received the 2004 BASF National Sustainable Forestry Award and 2003 Southern Regional Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Award.

## Speakers

■ **George K. Chastain**, SC Tree Farm Committee Chairman will deliver opening remarks at the Conference. He is Executive Director of the Belle W. Baruch Foundation, Hobcaw Barony, Georgetown, SC.

■ **Ron Barmore**, Director of Project Development for Range Fuels, Inc., will address biomass utilization. Range broke ground at its new cellulosic ethanol plant in Soperton, GA on Nov. 6, 2007. Goal is to produce 40 million gallons of ethanol and 9 million gallons of methanol annually from the facility which will be the first commercial cellulosic ethanol plant in the country. Barmore is responsible for new project development efforts at Range and acquisition of feedstock supplies. He has spent the majority of his career developing projects in the alternative energy field, primarily in the waste-to-energy industry (municipal waste to power).

■ **Josh Love**, a forester for the Georgia Forestry Commission,

oversees Georgia's Carbon Sequestration Registry.

What is a carbon credit? How is it measured? How is it sold and who is buying it?

As demand for carbon offsets grows, forest landowners need to know how to capitalize on this emerging market opportunity. Love will provide an overview of voluntary carbon markets in the United States and explain existing options for privately-held forestland in the Southeast to generate carbon credits.

■ **Niles Glasgow**, SC State Conservationist, will share important insights on forestry programs in the 2008 Farm Bill.

He has extensive experience working with national headquarters of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service with emphasis in watershed and river basin programs. He was previously State Conservationist in Florida for over 18 years.

■ **Marshall D. Thomas**, President of F&W Forestry, Albany, GA, will discuss how landowners can position themselves to deal with the present and future challenges and opportunities in forestry. Since Thomas became president in 1988, F&W has grown from four offices in two states to 13 offices in eight states. He is responsible for F&W's operations throughout the South. F&W is one of the South's oldest and largest forest management/consulting firms.

■ **Robert S. "Bob" Simpson** is Senior Vice President, Center for Family Forests, American Forest Foundation, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Systems (PEFC). He will discuss benefits associated with Tree Farming and provide an update on PEFC certification. The American Tree Farm System is now formally recognized and endorsed as an internationally credible sustainable forest management certification system. This will create exciting new opportunities for Tree Farmers.

## November 12 Program At A Glance

8:00 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome</b>	<i>George K. Chastain, SC Tree Farm Committee Chairman</i>
9:15 a.m.	<b>Woody Biomass Utilization</b>	<i>Ron Barmore, Range Fuels</i>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Carbon Sequestration and Trading</b>	<i>Josh Love, GA Forestry Commission</i>
11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:15 a.m.	<b>Forestry Programs in 2008 Farm Bill</b>	<i>Niles Glasgow, State NRCS Conservationist</i>
12:00 noon	Lunch	
1:15 p.m.	<b>SC Tree Farm Program Co-Sponsor Updates</b>	
	■ SC Forestry Association - President Robert R. Scott	
	■ SC Forestry Commission - State Forester Henry E. "Gene" Kodama	
	■ Clemson University - Forestry and Natural Resources Dept. Head Dr. Patricia A. Layton	
1:45 p.m.	<b>Potential Of Forest Product Utilization In The South</b>	<i>Marshall D. Thomas, F&amp;W</i>
2:45 p.m.	Break	
3:00 p.m.	<b>American Tree Farm Program &amp; PEFC Approval Of TF Certification</b>	<i>Bob Simpson, AFF</i>
4:00 p.m.	Visit SCFA Exhibits and SC Tree Farm Silent Auction	

## General Information

■ **Credit:** The program qualifies for **4.5** Contact Hours, Category I of the Society of American Foresters Continuing Education Program.

■ **Dress:** Appropriate conference attire is business casual.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Cut-off date is Oct. 13. Make reservations directly with the Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa, Hilton Head Island, FAX: 843/686-8448, Email: carol.grindstaff@marriottsales.com, or Phone: 888/511-5086. Reservations are subject to room availability. Advance deposit of \$138.64 is required to confirm reservation. Group rate/block applies only to convention registrants. Hotel reservations will be made on first come basis. Indicate if you'll stay at:  Hilton Head Marriott,  Other hotel,  or commute.