



Proudly serving Alabama forest landowners for over 90 years . . .

The Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) is the state agency responsible for protecting and promoting the vast resources of Alabama's forests. Understanding the value of these forests to our state's environment and economy, the AFC employs measures to prevent and suppress forest fires; detects, monitors, and alerts forest landowners of destructive invasive plants, insects, and diseases; provides forest management advice and professional technical assistance to private landowners; and provides educational and natural resources-related information to all citizens regarding the benefits of forest culture, preservation, and use, not only for the needs of today but for future generations as well.

Protect • Sustain • Educate

- ◆ **Wildfire Protection Program** – Protect Alabama's citizens and the state's 22.9 million acres of forest land from wildfire, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- ◆ **Fire Mitigation Program** – Assist landowners with prescribed burning and fire lane construction to protect from harmful wildfires and promote wildlife habitat.
- ◆ **Fire Prevention Programs** – Educate the public, volunteer fire departments, and other stakeholders about wildland fire prevention, including providing Firewise hazard assessment/mitigation plans to homeowners located in the Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI) and Community Wildfire Protection Plans in the WUI.
- ◆ **Partnership with Volunteer Fire Departments** – Support over 1,000 volunteer fire departments (VFDs) across the state through acquisition and distribution of federal excess property, communications, and training so that they can better and safely assist in fire suppression efforts.
- ◆ **Firefighter Dispatch Center** – Operate a state-of-the-art dispatch center to coordinate information between AFC firefighters and various volunteer fire departments across the state. Also provide a toll-free fire reporting system to ensure timely reporting and efficient response to wildfires across the state.
- ◆ **Aerial Detection System** – Operate aerial detection system for fires and invasive plants, insects, and disease.
- ◆ **Law Enforcement Program** – Investigate forestry-related crimes such as wildland arson, timber theft, and vandalism or theft of logging equipment.
- ◆ **Emergency Response Teams** – Integral partner with Alabama Emergency Management Agency (EMA) providing emergency response teams during natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornados, floods, and ice storms, as well as law enforcement assistance for special events and emergency situations.
- ◆ **Forest Protection Program** – Protect the state's forests from destructive insects and disease, including southern pine beetle detection and landowner notification program.
- ◆ **Forest Health Monitoring Program** – Monitor the health of Alabama's forests, notifying landowners of infestations, then providing advice and assistance in controlling invasive plants, insects, and disease.
- ◆ **Promotion of Productive Forests** – Provide technical assistance to forest landowners through on-the-ground assessments, written forest management plans, and stand management recommendations.
- ◆ **Technical Service Provider** – Provide cost-share assistance programs to help landowners meet their management objectives.
- ◆ **Ensure Water Quality** – Partner with landowners and other stakeholders in managing our state's forest resources to enhance and protect watersheds and riparian zones. Provide information and guidance to landowners and timber harvesters regarding Best Management Practices (BMPs) to help ensure water quality.
- ◆ **Promote Establishment and Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat** – Provide landowners with wildlife habitat management recommendations.
- ◆ **Annual Forest Inventory Analysis (FIA) Data** – Collect data about Alabama's forest resources which is used for current and future economic development recruitment and planning.
- ◆ **Annual Survey of Alabama Forest Products Companies** – Collect information on forest products companies in the state to develop, attract, and locate opportunities for Alabama's forest products firms.
- ◆ **Urban Forestry Assists** – Work with cities and communities to enhance the quality of life by improving the management of urban trees.
- ◆ **Outreach Program** – Identify and inform underserved and minority landowners about good forest stewardship and available cost-share programs; provide technical assistance to help them implement recommended practices.

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- ◆ **Alabama's TREASURED Forests Magazine** – Designed as an educational tool that focuses on good forest stewardship for Alabama landowners, this publication is published three times per year and offered at no charge. It provides timely information on forest management, wildlife habitat practices, cost-share programs, and technology.
- ◆ **Various Literature and Presentations** – Produced for landowner groups covering topics such as “Selling Your Timber,” “Coastal Pre-Harvest Guide for Forest Landowners,” “Alabama Prescribed Burning Guide,” “Alabama's Best Manage-

ment Practices for Forestry,” “50 Ways to Protect Your Home from Wildfire,” and “Five Ways to Protect Your Forestland.”

- ◆ **Workshops, Field Days, and Tours** – Work with local landowner groups and other natural resources agencies to organize and conduct events that educate landowners about good forest stewardship practices.
- ◆ **Educational Programs** – Conducted for local schools, civic organizations, and other community groups to promote the importance of Alabama's forests and forest resources.

To learn how the Alabama Forestry Commission may be of service to you, contact your county AFC office or visit us online at www.forestry.alabama.gov.