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THE GROWING ASSET

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Shortleaf Pine Initiative – Cost Share Still Available

Our firm, Growing Assets, LLC., has been asked to administer a cost share program designed to encourage private landowners in the Cumberland Plateau (*NW AL & adjoining areas of TN*) to plant shortleaf pine after a harvest. Last year our firm planted over 1,100 acres for this program, and we still have some acres available for this next planting season (winter 2018). The cost share will pay half of the planting and site preparation expenses up to a maximum of \$110/acre. Please contact us for more details if interested.

Forestry's Impact on Alabama

Alabama Department of Commerce released figures that show almost 1.2 billion dollars were invested in Alabama by the forest industry - in 2016 alone. That's expected to add over 1,000 new jobs.

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Brock Commons. Credit: University of British Columbia, Vancouver

All-Wood Buildings

Brock Commons, an 18-story wood tower in Vancouver, BC, was completed in less than 70 days. Get up-to-date on mass timber construction and cross laminated timber.

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Timber Markets

Two Rivers pine lumber sawmill and Canadian lumber tariffs ... what's the latest?

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Commercial Trucking Woes

More and more commercial insurance companies are choosing not to insure the trucking industry as personal injury lawsuits claim huge awards. Two things are at play:

1. Instead of suing over a single accident, attorneys now try to show that a single accident is evidence of a company-wide disregard for safety and thus, when successful, the awards are on a grand scale.
2. The typical strategy is for insurance companies to go for a settlement, regardless of the merits of the claims, or lack thereof.

Just like the medical malpractice suits of a generation ago, the solution may be for the trucking industry to collectively self-insure their fleets and fight every questionable claim instead of looking for the quick settlement.



Pine Beetle Update



Not many months ago the talk amongst landowners was how big a threat were the Southern Pine Beetles going to be this year. Last year's drought hit pine trees particularly hard, and by winter many were dying. The pine beetles, which are always in the pines, were able to take advantage of the stressed trees to build populations and kill even more. Gratefully, the relatively mild spring and summer so far, coupled with ample amount of rainfall, have given the pine trees the chance to recover and strengthen to the point that most can now ward off attacks. Not all areas in the state are as lucky, but it looks like we have dodged the bullet.

Mark the date on your calendar - Monday evening, October 16, 2017 2017 Valley District Regional Reception



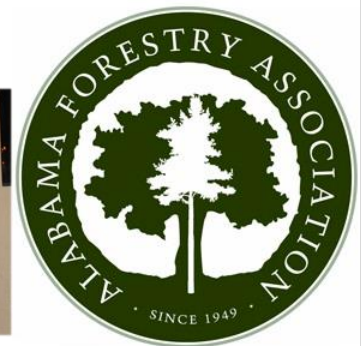
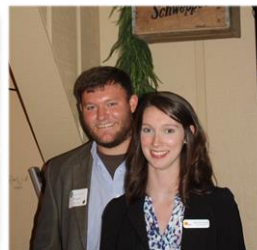
The forestry industry is one of the largest in Alabama. 87% of timberland acres are owned by non-industrial private landowners. Thousands of businesses are affected.

At least once a year, the AFA holds a district meeting and reception to bring all together for an informal meet and greet and make a positive impact on Alabama. Your meal and drinks at the River Bottom Grille are at no cost to you thanks to generous sponsors.

Will you be there? You're invited.



Be sure to RSVP... call us.



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Natural Resources Group, Inc. specializes in timberland real estate. We not only represent Sellers as their agent, but we just as often represent Buyers who are looking for timberland to purchase. Being foresters as well as real estate professionals, we are uniquely qualified to see the forest investment in the trees.