Registering: Conference registration is $90 before November 1 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@scforestry.org. Event is limited to 100 people. For additional conference information, contact Dr. Walter A. McPhail at 864/288-7618.

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.

Speakers

- **George K. Chastain**, SC Tree Farm Committee Chairman will provide 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.
The program theme, Weathering The Cycle, will examine how periodic downturns in forest products manufacturing are a cyclical fact of economic life. While companies have seen strong demand from the US housing and Chinese packaging markets, they are currently experiencing significant challenges. Higher costs for raw material, energy, and transportation have driven up production costs. Overcapacity and the nature of demand prevent companies from passing on increasing costs to customers in the form of higher prices. The industry faces higher degrees of complexity driven by changing local demand conditions, regulatory constraints, and requirements of long-term sustainability.

Succeeding in the marketplace will require an ability to “do more with less”, to identify profit opportunities, and move quickly to capture them. Companies will need to identify cost-reduction opportunities by making wood procurement, manufacturing, and logistics more efficient. They will also need to improve efficiency in their wood supply chains, adjust capacity to market demand, and to quickly identify and capture new profit opportunities.

SCFA and the SC Tree Farm Committee will join forces on opening day with a Tree Farm Forestry Conference. The program is open to tree farmers, foresters, natural resource professionals and others interested in improving forest management or learning more about the latest issues impacting forestry.

Since 2008 is the 20th Anniversary of Log a Load for Kids, the National Log a Load Steering Committee is conducting its annual meeting in connection with SCFA’s convention. Log A Load began in South Carolina in 1988. Special presentations will be part of the Awards and Recognition Breakfast on closing day.

The convention will again include recreational activities, exhibits/silent auction, business meeting, networking opportunities, and entertainment.
SC Tree Farm Conference
and SC Forestry Association 2008 Annual Meeting
Nov. 12-14, 2008, Hilton Head Island, SC

Photocopy this form and submit one form per individual and/or spouse attending.
For best rates, please mail or FAX by November 5, 2008 to: SC Forestry Association, P O Box 21303, Columbia, SC 29221, FAX: 803/798-2340, Phone: 803/798-4170.

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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:

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I'm a registered or certified forester
Circle one: consulting, government, industry, other
I'm an SC Forestry Association member.

*Full SCFA registration includes: SC Forestry Association’s Welcome Reception, Opening Breakfast, General Sessions, Business Luncheon, Chairman’s Reception and Dinner, Exhibits/Silent Auction, and Awards Breakfast.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Registration cancellation by November 5: full refund. No refund for cancellation received after November 5 or for no-shows. Preregistration must be received by November 5 to be included in the Directory of Registrants. Attendees not registered by November 5 must register on-site at the meeting.

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Sign up now for this exciting conference. Learn more about Tree Farm certification, biomass utilization, carbon sequestration, and forestry provisions in the 2008 Farm Bill.

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