

# Forestland as an Investment

## Description:

Owning and managing timberland can be a profitable and enjoyable enterprise. Land connects generations, and provides both current and future income. This short course covers all aspects of timberland ownership, and is particularly suited to new landowners or those considering investing in land and timber.

## When:

May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2017  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## Where:

Forrest County Extension Office, 952 Sullivan Drive, Hattiesburg, MS.

## Cost:

\$30 per person, \$40 per couple for materials and dinner on the last evening. Please register by April 26, 2017.



10 Continuing Forestry Education credits



10 Continuing Logger Education credits

## Program Agenda

### May 2<sup>nd</sup>:

- ◆ Characteristics of Forest Investments
- ◆ Financial Criteria Used in Forestry

### May 9<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Basic Forest Management Practices
- ◆ Advances in Forest Genetics

### May 16<sup>th</sup>:

- ◆ Finding Your Timberland
- ◆ Purchasing Your Timberland

### May 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- ◆ Marketing a Timber Sale
- ◆ Developing a Business Plan

### May 30<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Timber Taxation Overview
- ◆ Wills and Estate Planning Issues

## Sponsors:

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MSU Department of Forestry

## For more information:

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## Registration Form—Forestland as an Investment Short Course—Begins May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail in this registration form or call the Forrest County Extension Office at (601) 545-6083 by Apr. 26 to reserve your spot.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 per person or \$40 per couple enclosed. Make checks payable to the Forrest/Lamar CFA.

**Mail to:** Mr. Matt Thornton, Forrest County Extension Service, 952 Sullivan Drive  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Individuals who require special accommodations to participate should contact the Extension Office to make their request known prior to the program. Contact should be made timely to ensure appropriate accommodation.

## Did you Know:

- ◆ Forestland ownership is a significant family asset for many Mississippians.
- ◆ Forest investments have different characteristics than more traditional investments.
- ◆ Computer technology makes it easier to find timberland for sale, analyze management scenarios, project economic returns, and develop a detailed map of your property.
- ◆ Properly marketing a timber sale helps the landowner get the best price and reduces logging damage.
- ◆ Timber income is taxed at the lower capital gains rate, but landowners must document their investment (basis) in the timber.
- ◆ Various deductions and tax credits increase profitability of timberland.
- ◆ Long-term prospects for managing timber in the South remain positive.

If you are interested in learning about timberland as an investment, you will benefit from this short course.

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