

**The Fifth Longleaf Alliance Regional Conference**  
**October 12-15, 2004**  
**Hattiesburg, Mississippi**

**Conference Program**

**October 12, 2004**

12:00-12:45 p.m.      **Preconference Adventure-** interpretive hike of about two miles on the DeSoto Ranger District's 41 mile long Black Creek Trail.  
1:00 – 8:00 PM      **Registration**  
6:00 - 8:00 PM      **Ice Breaker, Poster Session**

**October 13, 2004**

7:00 – 8:30 AM      **Registration**

8:30 AM      **Welcome & Introductions** (Glenn Hughes, Mississippi State University (Moderator); Jim Sledge, Mississippi State Forester; Graeme Lockaby, Assoc. Dean for Research, School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences, Auburn U.)

8:45 AM      **Opportunities for Longleaf in the Healthy Forest Act** – Invited  
Speaker TBA

9:15 AM      **History of Steam Logging in Mississippi** – David Price, Hattiesburg Historian

10:00 AM      **Break**

10:30 AM      **Ecology of Longleaf Forests in Mississippi** – Julie Moore, US Fish & Wildlife Service

11:10 AM      **Economics of pine straw** –Bill Pickens, North Carolina, Div. of Forestry

11:35 AM      **State of the Longleaf Alliance** – Rhett Johnson, Co-Director, The Longleaf Alliance

12:00 Noon      **Lunch Provided**

1:30 PM      **Concurrent Session I - State and Federal Agencies and their Issues** – Panel: Ray Aycock, USFWS (Moderator); Roberta Moltzen, USFS; Ronnie Haynes, USFWS; Alan Holditch, NRCS; Jim Copeland, DoD; Jim Sledge, MS State For.

1:30 PM      **Concurrent Session II - Stand Density and its effect on growth, wood quality, pole production, wildlife habitat, and understory composition** – Panel: Steve Jack, JW Jones Ecological Research Center (Moderator); Wayne Stone, USFS; Mike Minchew, TR Miller; Jim Elledge, MS Consulting Forester; Will McDearman, USFWS; David South, Auburn University

3:00 PM      **Break**

3:30 PM      **Concurrent Session III - Private Landowners and their Issues** – Panel: Keville Larson, Larson & McGowin (Moderator); Judd Brooks, Mississippi Landowner; Paul Padgett, Cedar Creek; Robert Bonnie, Environmental Defense; Chester Hunt, MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks; Randy Rice, MS Consulting Forester

3:30 PM      **Concurrent Session IV - Burning issues in Longleaf Stands** – Panel: Sharon Hermann, Auburn University (Moderator); Jimmy Atkinson, JW Jones Ecological Research Center; Bill Boyer, USFS (Retired); Jerry Windham, Desoto National Forest; Sue Grace, USGS; John Kush, Auburn University

5:00 PM **Adjourn**

**October 13, 2004** **Evening Events**

6:00 – 8:00 PM **Social & Poster Session including Readings & Book Signings with:**

**Mr. Lawrence S. Earley** author of *Looking for longleaf: The fall and rise of an American forest*

**Dr. James Miller**, USDA Forest Service, author of 1) *Forest plants of the Southeast and their wildlife uses* and 2) *Nonnative invasive plants of southern forests: A field guide for identification and control*

**Dr. Gil Hoffman**, Hattiesburg historian, author of 1) *Dummy lines through the longleaf* and 2) *Steam whistles in the piney woods Vol. I & II.*

**October 14, 2004**

8:00 AM **Field Day** - Depart from the Hattiesburg Lake Terrace Convention Center

Topics will include: Identifying and Controlling Cogon Grass, Understory Plant Diversity, Single Tree/Group Selection/Forest Management on DeSoto NF , Native Groundcover Restoration, Critters, Managing Endangered Species in MS, Issues Facing Burning on Public Land/Prioritizing Burning, Growth and Yield, Native Grass Seeder Equipment Demonstration, Range of Products-Timber and Pine Straw, Consultant Burning/Alternatives to Burning, Game Wildlife Management in Longleaf Stands, Midstory Control Using Herbicides, Artificial Regeneration/Early Stand Management, Scalper Equipment Demonstration

**Lunch Provided**

5:00 PM Return to the Hattiesburg Lake Terrace Convention

6:00 PM **Dinner at the Hattiesburg Lake Terrace Convention with music provided by the Blues Rangers**

**October 15, 2004**

8:00 AM **Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forests** – Jim Miller, USFS

8:40 AM **Fire – Use it Lose It** – Kevin Robertson, Tall Timbers

9:10 AM **Identifying Longleaf Ecosystems Using Remote Sensing and GIS: Management Implications** – John Hogland, Auburn University

9:35 AM **Alternative Income Sources in Longleaf Forests** – Daryl Jones, Mississippi State University

10:00 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Forecasting Market Trends for Longleaf Products** - Eric Gee, Southern Forest Products Association

11:00 AM **Longleaf ecosystem restoration: long rotation economics** - Larry Teeter, Auburn University

11:30 AM **Wrap Up** – Dean Gjerstad, Co-Director, The Longleaf Alliance

12:00 Noon **Adjourn**