

6th Biennial Shortleaf Pine Conference

Reviving the Past, Shaping the Future



November 11–13, 2025 | Lake Guntersville State Park, Alabama

AGENDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (DAY ONE SESSIONS)

7:00 am	Breakfast (<i>provided</i>) & Registration
8:15 am	Welcome – Carter England & Mike Oliver
8:30 am	Opening Plenary – Dwayne Estes
9:00 am	Ground Flora Panel (Theo Witsell, John Seymour, Kyle Lybarger, Pat Keyser, Nathan Klaus)
9:45 am	BREAK
9:55 am	White Oak and Shortleaf Pine – Chris Erwin
10:25 am	Longleaf and Shortleaf Pine – Carol Denhof
10:55 am	Cross-Initiatives Panel (Carol Denhof, Clarence Coffey, Austin Klais, Davis Goode, John Kabrick, Chris Erwin)
11:30 am	Lunch (<i>provided</i>)
12:15 pm	Afternoon Kickoff & Conference Notes
12:30 pm	Ecology and Management of Shortleaf Pine Book Session (Ben Knapp, David Clabo, Becky Barlow, Steve Jack, Justin Hart, Jacob Fraser)
2:25 pm	BREAK
2:35 pm	Timber & Financial Markets – Alexander Avery
3:10 pm	Growth and Yield Models – Curtis VanderSchaaf
3:30 pm	Local Implementation Team (LIT) Panel: Current state of Shortleaf west of the Mississippi River led by McRee Anderson, Jeff Powelson, Clint Harris, Ryan Parker, and Ryan Bollinger
4:00 pm	LIT Discussion & Breakouts
4:45 pm	Field Tour Preview – Bill Finch
5:00 pm	Free Time & Networking
6:00 pm	Awards Banquet & Dinner

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (FULL DAY FIELD TOUR)

7:00 am	Breakfast (<i>provided</i>)
8:00 am	Morning Welcome and Announcements
8:15 am	Bill Finch & Kelly Petersen
9:30 am	The Next Generation of Pines: Touring the Lake Guntersville Seed Orchard (Bill Finch, Kelly Petersen)
11:00 am	<u>Private Land Management in Woodville, AL</u> or <u>Shortleaf in the Canyon: Exploring Little River (NPS)</u> Field Tours include presentations from Joe Marschall, Lindsay Thomas, Jr., Shaik Hossain, Mike Chamberlain, Jake Bones, Bill Finch, John Kabrick, Kyle Lybarger, Philip Jurus, John Kush, Jeremy Whigham and more!
4:00 pm	Arrive back at Guntersville Lodge
5:00 pm	Refreshments and Poster Session
All Evening	Featuring live bluegrass music by <i>The Shortleaf Boys</i>
6:00 pm	Dinner (<i>provided</i>)

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (FINAL DAY SESSIONS)

7:00 am	Breakfast (<i>provided</i>)
8:00 am	Morning Welcome – Mike Oliver
8:15 am	From Shortleaf to Strut with the Wild Turkey Doc – Mike Chamberlain
8:45 am	Grow Fire-Tolerant Pines, Restore Fire, Feed Deer – Lindsay Thomas, Jr.
9:15 am	Wildlife & Game Bird Panel (Mike Chamberlain, Lindsay Thomas Jr., John Mark Curtis, Wally Akins)
10:00 am	BREAK
10:10 am	Is your site prep helping or hurting your restoration? Evaluating site prep herbicides – Nathan Klaus
10:30 am	Shifting Regeneration Paradigms from Loblolly to Shortleaf: Restoration Success on Upland Sites – Martin Schubert
10:50 am	Tools for Shortleaf Fire Stewardship – David Godwin
11:10 am	Fire Panel (Adam Warwick, Ryan Mitchell, Clint Harris, McRee Anderson)
11:50 am	Lunch (<i>provided</i>)
12:40 pm	Non-Game Wildlife Panel (Sean Barry, Kyle Brazil, Jef Hodges, Eric Soehren, Bill Finch)
1:20 pm	Shortleaf Pine Plant Communities in the Coastal Plain – Kevin Robertson
1:45 pm	Practical Lessons in Ground Cover Restoration – John Seymour
2:15 pm	BREAK
2:25 pm	The Fate of Shortleaf Pine Forests in the Missouri Ozarks – Historical Accounts from 1907 from a 21 st century perspective – Jim Guldin
2:55 pm	Closing Plenary: Shaping the Future – Britt Townsend
3:30 pm	Conference Concludes

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