

FOREST MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS, INC.

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“A written management plan prepared by a competent Registered Forester with your best interest in mind is a valuable tool. Not only are you more likely to accomplish your goals with a written plan but a well written plan may also help you to qualify for certification programs and provide evidence that you are an “Active” land owner for federal tax purposes.” Billy Rye, President Forest Management Specialists, Inc.



BlueFire Renewables Fulton, MS

TIMBER MARKET UPDATE

Pine pulpwood: This product was particularly hard hit by the closure of the mill in Courtland. Timber buyers in north Alabama, north Mississippi, and central Tennessee are currently experiencing both reduced prices and restricted quotas. If your pine stand needs to be thinned, be sure to work with us to increase your chances of moving your wood at an acceptable price.

Pine chip-n-saw & saw timber: While the prices paid for these products have yet to live up to the hype, they have at least improved from a year ago at this time. The increased demand for southern yellow pine lumber has also resulted in a “quota free environment.”

Hardwood pulpwood: The bad news: prices fell after the closure of the Courtland mill. The good news: they did not fall to the projected levels. Most of the stumpage prices paid for standing hardwood pulpwood in north Alabama are approximately at the same levels they were in the 1st quarter of 2011 and are still relatively high from Lamar County south.

Hardwood blended saw timber: Tie-logs and other blended hardwood saw-timber prices remain near their all-time high. Tracts that can be harvested in wet weather are still bringing a premium.

Hardwood high quality/specialty: Outstanding! Any questions?

EMERGING MARKET NEWS

BlueFire Renewables, Inc. (OTCBB: BFRE.OB), a company that produces ethanol from organic waste has integrated a synergistic wood pellet production plant to its facility in Fulton, MS. The pellets will be sold under long term contracts into the European mandated renewable energy market. According to their website, BlueFire has completed the preliminary site work for the ethanol facility. The engineering and other development activities needed are already under way to add the pellet plant. Hopefully, mills like this will either purchase gateway directly from private landowners or will at the very least, free up other markets for your wood.

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TIME FOR:

Timber sales: Thanks to the prices, this is a good time to sale hardwood sawtimber. If you have a wet site that can only be harvested during dry weather, now is the time to prepare the sale to be marketed.

Herbaceous Weed Control: April and May are the months to spray your recently planted pines for herbaceous weed control.

Pine thinnings: Most of our clients thin their pine stands during the summer. Preparation for thinnings should be made now to ensure the stands will be harvested before the wet weather returns.

Forest Management Plan: Forest Management Specialists, Inc. places an emphasis on the preparation of management plans during the summer. If you are contemplating the preparation of a plan, contact our office today to get on our list.

Road Maintenance: Forest or woods roads are typically maintained in the early summer while the soil is mostly dry yet retains enough moisture to be shaped by heavy equipment. Consider maintaining your woods roads on a 3 year schedule.

REGISTERED FORESTER

According to the Code of Alabama 1975 Title 34 Chapter 12, anyone offering forest management or timber sale advice for property not owned by them, their company, or their agency must be registered by the state! When selecting a Forester to assist with the management of your property, remember to use a Registered Forester, preferably someone who is a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters.

<http://www.asbrf.alabama.gov/>

WILD HOG CONTROL

Forest Management Specialists, Inc. has been contacted by someone who traps and hunts wild hogs for a fee. If your wildlife habitat has been damaged by wild hogs and you would like to contract with a vendor for their control, please contact us at info@fmsforestry.com.

PREFERRED CUSTOMERS

We provide two programs for our Preferred Customers: The Care Program and our Rapid Response Team. The Care program is designed for absentee owners and owners of large tracts of forestland and includes systematic, on-the-ground inspections of the customer's property. The Rapid Response Team is designed for landowners who want to keep Forest Management Specialists, Inc. on "stand-by" for any consulting services. In this program, we work with landowners on a retainer basis. Customers enrolled in either of these programs receive top priority for their consulting requests and a 10% discount on any services provided. Contact us to discuss how these programs can benefit your forest management activities.