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Ark-La-Tex forest landowners are beginning to see new opportunities on the horizon. The current status of forest-based economy includes market issues, price fluctuations, and selling smaller tracts or make small scale cuts continues to be a challenge. New mills mean new markets for our regional forest resources. Landowner cost share programs continue to gain strength. Wildlife management opportunities bring profit to the region. Our timber and recreational forest values face invasive species and native pests. We are fortunate to live in a region that provides an abundance of forested landscapes to meet every need. The world is now turning to the southern U.S. more than ever for its wood supply needs. **Trees are Necessities!**



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36th ANNUAL ARK-LA-TEX FORESTRY FORUM

**Tuesday
February 15, 2022
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**LSU Shreveport
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1 University Place
Shreveport, Louisiana**



**“Gold is a luxury. Trees are necessities.
Man can live and thrive without gold,
but we cannot survive without trees.”**

- Paul Bamikole



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LSU SHREVEPORT UNIVERSITY CENTER
1 UNIVERSITY PLACE, SHREVEPORT
FEBRUARY 15, 2022

AGENDA

- 8:30 **Registration** (Includes Breaks, Lunch and Proceedings)
- 9:00 **Welcome and Opening Comments**
- 9:30 **Current Issues for Ark-La-Tex Forest Landowners**
Buck Vandersteen, Executive Director, Louisiana Forestry Association ~ Alexandria
- 10:00 **Hunt Forest Products Mill Investment in Webster Parish**
Richie LaBlanc ~ Ruston
- 10:45 **Vendor Break** (coffee sponsored by Louisiana Land Bank)
- 11:10 **Legal Update: Tax and Other Concerns for Forest Landowners**
Paul Spillers, Louisiana Forestry Association ~ Monroe
- 12:00 **Lunch** (Vendor Video Streaming for Online Participation)
- 1:00 **Louisiana Grown and LDAF Program Updates**
Dr. Mike Strain, Commissioner LDAF ~ Baton Rouge
- 1:30 **Avian Use of a Bottomland Hardwood Afforestation Site in the Red River Alluvial Valley**
Heidi Adams, Assistant Professor, School of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry, Louisiana Tech University ~ Ruston
- 2:00 **Vendor Break**
- 2:30 **Prescribed Burning Cooperative**
Sabrina Claeys, Quail Forever ~ Minden
- 3:00 **Forest Impacts: The Best and Worst of 2021 and Planning for 2022**
Valerie West, Area Forestry Agent, LSU AgCenter ~ Benton
- 3:30 **Questions, Survey, and Wrap-Up**
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- 4:00 **Adjourn**

*The Ark-La-Tex Forestry Forum qualifies for CFE Society of American Foresters credits and
6.0 CLE education credits for Louisiana Forestry Association.*

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The program is currently being planned and speakers are being contacted. Planned topics include:

- Current Issues for Ark-La-Tex Forest Landowners
- Landowner Assistance Programs
- Prescribed Fire
- Market Opportunities for the Northwest Region

Come in person and enjoy an excellent forestry meeting, great lunch, and the fellowship of others interested in forestry. If you pre-register by February 4, 2022, the fee is \$25. After that date or at the door, registration will be \$30. In-Person registration fee includes lunch and a copy of the program proceedings. A virtual option will be available for those who are unable to attend in person for \$15 and includes the opportunity to watch live or the recorded meeting at your own pace. For information on the virtual option, contact Valerie West (318) 965-2326 or go to the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/36th-annual-ark-la-tex-forestry-forum-tickets-259571053007?utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

Door prizes will be given by several exhibitors for in person and virtual participants and CFE and CLE credits will be available. Payment can be made online this year through the Eventbrite link above for in-person or virtual registration using your credit or debit card. Checks can be sent with the information section below. We hope to see you on the 15th!

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Mailing Address: _____

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This form may be duplicated. If more than one person shall be registering, please include the names and addresses of the additional people.

_____ Number of people registered @ \$25 per person (\$30 after February 4, 2022)

_____ Amount enclosed

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