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Register Now for MASTER TREE FARMER II Class

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Alabama Sustainable Forestry Initiative, in collaboration with Clemson University and Extension Forestry professionals throughout the South, will again be offering the **MASTER TREE FARMER level II** shortcourse for forest landowners.

This shortcourse is designed for those who have a basic working knowledge of forest management and want to take the next step to slightly more advanced techniques aimed to help family landowners. Organized by a committee of Extension Foresters from universities around the South, and in association with the USDA Forest Service and state forestry agencies and associations throughout the region, this unique shortcourse will provide applied information on a number of forestry related topics:

Managing the Forest Site
Forest Management Options for Your Land
Controlling Unwanted Vegetation
Diseases and Insects
Best Management Practices and Water Quality
Present and Future Forest Market Opportunities
Advanced Wildlife Management and other Forestry Topics (Certification, Support Tools, etc.)

The shortcourse is scheduled for live satellite broadcast from Clemson University beginning Tuesday evening, **February 7th, 2006** and continuing every Tuesday evening through March 21st, 2006. The live broadcast will begin promptly at 6 PM (central time) and run for 3 hours each Tuesday evening. The shortcourse will be hosted at the **Coosa County Cooperative Extension Office**.

Anyone interested should call 377-4713 to request a registration form. The cost of the course is **\$100 for all seven sessions**. Fees include access to the satellite program, notebook and speaker note materials, and refreshments. There is also the option to attend individual classes at a cost of **\$20 per session**. Professional loggers will earn continuing education credits to maintain their PLM certification.

Anyone interested in the MASTER TREE FARMER Level II shortcourse should contact Roger Vines at the Coosa County Extension Office.