

**STEPS TOWARD WOODLAND
CERTIFICATION**
A LUNCH & LEARN SERIES
FOR
MISSISSIPPI FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS

A program for farmers and other landowners who own woodlands in Mississippi

DESCRIPTION

This program provides information about woodland certification. Woodland certification is becoming increasingly popular among landowners and forest products companies. It assures buyers that timber was managed according to sustainable social, economic and environmental standards. Certification is a voluntary process with standards that typically cover key values such as protection of biodiversity, species at risk and wildlife habitat, sustainable harvest levels, protection of water quality, and prompt regeneration. In turn, producer risks are reduced vis-à-vis (1) product diversification; (2) water use decisions; (3) certified marketing; and (4) strategic planning. For Mississippi farms, woodland certification compliments conservation efforts already underway.

Whether you're a rancher, farmer, or weekend warrior to your forest property, this educational program will help you understand the costs and benefits of woodland certification systems. Participants can then apply this knowledge towards a woodland stewardship plan which will be beneficial when applying for certification.

Stemming the loss of America's woodlands is vital to our country's clean water and air, wildlife habitat, recreational activities, and producing the jobs, wood and paper products we all need.

WHERE: Interactive - Online

COST: NO COST

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
MSU Forestry Extension – (662) 325-3150

Lunch and Learn Agenda

The information will be provided during three presentations. Although the formats differ, content is the same for each "Lunch and Learn".

All sessions are: 12PM – 1PM

February 21 – Webinar

February 26 – Webinar

March 4 – Interactive Video

Webinars: Watch on a computer with internet connection in your home.

Instructions for watching a webinar:

Please register for the webinar at <http://techoutreach.msucare.com/webinars> Click on the webinar entitled "**Steps toward Woodland Certification.**" One or two days before the webinar, you will receive a link to connect to the webinar. On the day of the webinar, you will click on the link. There may be a Flash plug-in to install if your Flash is not up-to-date, but it would only take a minute to do.

Interactive Video: Please call your county Extension office to indicate that you will participate in the program so the office can make arrangements. On the date of the program, you will go to the Extension office to watch the program on Interactive Video.



Wildlife Habitat & Timber



Social & Recreational Use



Water Use Decisions



Fire – A Management Tool



No CFEs for this program

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