

## NORTHEAST REGION NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD DAY

The Clay County Forestry Planning Committee and the Clay County Alabama Treasure Forest Association Chapter will hold a natural resources field day on Saturday October 18, 2008. The event will be co-sponsored by the Alabama Tree Farm Committee and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The event will be held on the certified Treasure Forest of John and Regina Osborn, the 2007 Northeast ATFA Helene Mosley Award winners. The field day will be held from 0830 until 1200, followed by a catered lunch.

Subjects to be covered during the field day will be firebreaks, loblolly and longleaf pine plantation management, wildlife management, upland hardwood management, aesthetics and local Native American history. The site of the field day is indeed an important one in Alabama history. It is the location of the former Creek Indian town of Hillabee. Hillabee was the mother town for four nearby satellite villages and was co-located with the Robert Grierson trading post, farm and factory. Being near the geographic center of the last Creek Indian bastion before their forced removal to the west in 1836-37, the Hillabee town was visited by many famous personalities of the day such as Andrew Jackson, Sam Houston, Davy Crockett, William Bartram, James Adair, William Weatherford (Red Eagle), Menawa, William McGillivray, Chief Chinnabee, Sequoyah, William McIntosh and others.

To reach the site of the field day from the south, take Alabama Highway 63 north from Alexander city to Hackneyville. From Hackneyville, continue north on Highway 63 for 4 miles to Liberty Road on the right. A field day sign will be there. Take a right here and go  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to the Jerry and Genelle Brown residence on the right. From the north, take Alabama Highway 9 south from Ashland, through Millerville and continue south toward Goodwater. At a caution light about 5 miles south of Millerville, turn left on Alabama Highway 63. Go 2 miles southeast on highway 63 to Liberty Road on the left. The field day sign will be there. Take a left here and go  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to the Brown residence mentioned above. Parking is available at the Brown residence and transportation for the tour will be available there.

For those desiring professional continuing education credits, foresters will be eligible for four hours and loggers for five hours credits at the conclusion of the field day. To sign up for the field day, call either Marsha Moorehead at (256) 354-5976 or W.N. McCollum at (256) 396-5955. Attendees must sign up no later than Wednesday 15 October so that an accurate lunch count can be determined. Don't miss this one!