

### DIRECTIONS

From I20 in West Monroe exit 113, go North on Thomas Road (less than 1 mile) to Cypress St. (Hwy 80). Go right on Hwy 80 /east. Take a left on North 7<sup>th</sup> St. and take 2<sup>nd</sup> left onto Ridge Ave. W. M. Convention center is on the left with parking on the sides.



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**2018 FORESTRY FORUM**  
Presented with Ag Expo

**FRIDAY  
JANUARY 19, 2018**  
8 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Dear Participants,

You are cordially invited to the 2018 Ag Expo Forestry Forum. This year's program will provide an in-depth look at the logging industry, Southern Pine Beetle & Emerald Borer activity, legislative issues, hardwood management, Forestry BMPs, performance effects of rotation herbicides, and influence of sweetgum as a hardwood. We look forward to seeing you there.

Luke Stamper  
Area Wildlife & Forestry Agent  
Northeast Region

Please visit the 2018 Ag Expo at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center – Your registration fee includes one admission ticket and is available at the registration table.

### FORUM AGENDA

REGISTRATION 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.  
Program begins at 8:30 a.m.

- 8:25am **Welcome** – Dr. Michael Blazier, Hill Farm Research Station, LSU AgCenter; Luke Stamper, Area Wildlife & Forestry Agent, Northeast Region, LSU AgCenter
- 8:30am **What Has Happened to the Southern Logging Industry after the Great Recession?** – Dr. Richard P. Vlosky, Director, LA Forest Products Development Center
- 9:00am **Report on Southern Pine Beetle Activity in MS & LA; Emerald Borer Activity in Northeast LA** – Wood Johnson, Entomologist, US Forest Service, Forest Health Protection
- 9:30am **2018 Legislative Issues Impacting Forest Landowners** – Buck Vandersteen, Director of LA Forestry Association
- 10:00am **BREAK**
- 10:15am **Hardwood Management Considerations** – Wayne Roberts, Area Forester, NRCS
- 10:45am **Forestry Best Management Practices** – Bill Patterson, Assistant Professor, Forestry/ Agricultural Sciences, LA Tech
- 11:15am **Growth & Financial Performance Effects of Different Early Rotation Herbicide Frequencies & Chemistries for Loblolly Pine** – Dr. Michael Blazier, Hill Farm Research Station, LSU AgCenter
- 11:45am **Hybrid Sweetgum as a Fast-Growing Hardwood: Influence of Genetics & Herbicide Timing on Growth** – Robert Hane, Graduate Student, LA Tech
- 12:00pm **ADJOURN**

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\* Due by Friday Jan. 12, 2018 \*

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **# attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount enclosed (\$15 per person)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parish of residence** \_\_\_\_\_  
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