Advisory Meeting Southern Forest Nursery Management Cooperative

NOVEMBER 14, 2012

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, AL

Who Am I?

Background

Education

Work

Skills

Background

- Alabama native
 - Birmingham
- Family
 - Parents, Two brothers
- Cross country
- Boy Scouts

Auburn University

- B.S. Forest Management, 2007
 - Internship with D.W. McMillan Trust in Brewton, AL
- M.S. Tree Physiology/Forestry, 2009
 - Studied a naturally regenerated, 50-year-old longleaf pine stand in Escambia County, AL

Weyerhaeuser Company

Camden, AL: Red Hills salamander habitat mapping

Columbus, MS: Switchgrass progeny trials

Camden, AL: Mid-rotation forester

Weyerhaeuser Company

- Washington, NC: Nursery/Seed Orchard technician
 - December 2010 September 2012
 - Cultural duties:
 - soil preparation
 - × seed sow
 - **x** irrigation
 - pesticide/fertilizer applicationtop-pruning
 - seedling harvest
 - fallow ground preparation
 - fumigation
 - flower / conelet inventory
 - orchard insecticide application
 - cone harvest
 - Customer satisfaction
 - Site maintenance
 - Safety programs

Skills

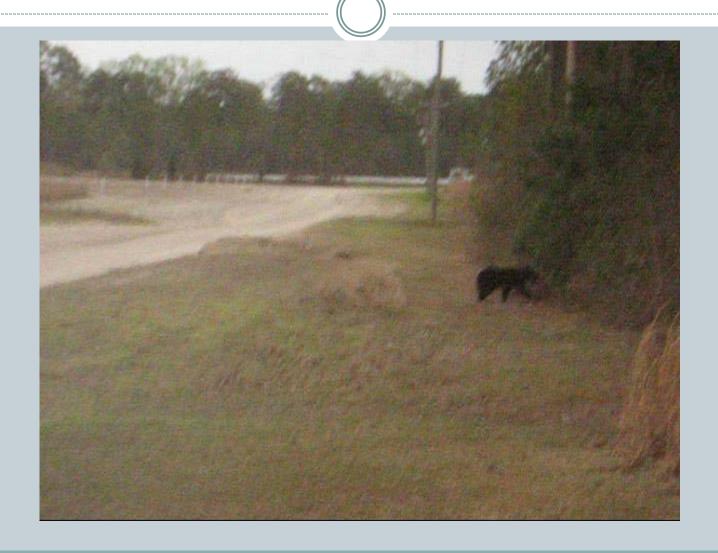
Muscadine jelly

Arrowhead hunter

Bear tracker



On the prowl...



Trivia

- QUESTION: In what year was the Nursery Cooperative established?
- ANSWER: 1972

- QUESTION: Who initiated the Nursery Cooperative?
- ANSWER: Dr. Mason Carter

Thank you for your membership!

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