

Regional Cogongrass Conference: Confronting the Cogongrass Crisis in the South

**Mobile Convention Center
Mobile, Alabama**

November 7

- 1-1:30 Welcome, Conference Objectives, and Context of the Cogongrass Crisis: ecological, sociological, and economical
Dr. Jim Miller, U.S. Forest Service R&D
- 1:30-2 What makes cogongrass so invasive and difficult to control?
(Plant characteristics of productivity and reproductivity)
Dr. Greg MacDonald, University of Florida
- 2-2:30 Where are current infestations, where is it heading and how can we prevent this?
Dr. Dave Moorhead, University of Georgia
- 2:30-3 What are the most effective integrated treatments and management regimens for forests and preserves (herbicides, burning, & mechanical for loblolly, slash, and longleaf pines and mixed forests)?
Dr. John Byrd, Mississippi State University
- 3-3:30 Break and Vendors
- 3:30-4 What are the most effective integrated treatments and management regimens for pastures and disturbed areas?
Dr. Dearl Sanders, Louisiana State University
- 4-4:30 What are the most effective integrated treatments and management regimens for rights-of-ways?
Dr. Wilson Faircloth, USDA ARS
- 4:30-5 How can herbicides be selected and applied to be most effective? (herbicides, generics, timing, mixing ingredients, handling and application systems).
Lee Atkins, Progressive Solutions
- 5-5:30 Questions and Comments
- 5:30-8 Social and Vendors

November 8

- 8:00-8:30 What has research shown about establishing loblolly pine in cogongrass infestations?
Dr. Jim Miller, US Forest Service R&D
- 8:30-9:00 What has research shown about controlling cogongrass in established longleaf pine forests and spread characteristics.
Dr. Shibu Jose, University of Florida

- 9:00-9:30 What has a forestry practitioner learned during operational treatments?
George Robertson, Scotch Lumber Company Inc.
- 9:30-10:00 What have right-of-way managers learned during operational treatments?
Howard Peavey, Alabama Department of Transportation
- 10-10:30 Break and Vendors
- 10:30-11 What cost-share and incentive programs are currently available to combat cogongrass?
Dr. John Taylor, USDA Forest Service State & Private Forestry
- 11-11:20 How can we organize ourselves at the County Level to be effective in combating cogongrass?
Linda Conway Duever, Conway Conservation LLC
- 11:20-11:40 How can we organize ourselves at the State Level to be effective in combating cogongrass?
James Johnson, Georgia Forestry Commission
- 11:40-12 What have we learned and what do we need to do better next?
Discussion if time permits.
Dr. Jim Miller, US Forest Service R&D
- 12:30-5 Field tour (take a box lunch and board buses)**
- Stop 1 Muddy Creek Restoration Site:
Continue lunch and field identification and examination of the plant.
Restoration Underway - cogongrass to longleaf pine stand
Gena Todia, Wetland Resources
- Stop 2 DeGussa Research Site:
Loblolly pine establishment in a dense cogongrass infestation using combinations of herbicide and trenching site preparation and various overtop herbicide mixtures in combinations with pines in the 6th growing season, and possible equipment demonstration.
- **Wilson Faircloth, Jim Miller, and Mike Patterson**, Auburn University