

Forestland Stewards



2023 Forestland Stewards Stakeholder Forum

September 19-20, 2023
Natchitoches Event Center
750 2nd St, Natchitoches, LA

Tuesday, September 19th

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| 10:00am | Registration table opens |
| 11:15 am | Lunch served |
| 11:45am– 12:00pm | Welcome and introductions |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00pm | Welcome keynotes |
| 1:00pm – 1:30 pm | Looking ahead to the next half decade of the Forestland Stewards Partnership |
| 1:30pm – 2:30pm | Conservation Partner Spotlights Hear from two project partners about their efforts to restore and manage forest habitats and support wildlife within working forest landscapes. |
| 2:30pm – 3:00pm | Networking break |
| 3:00pm – 4:30 pm | Harnessing Markets to Advance Forest and Wildlife Conservation There is a growing recognition of the importance of sustainability and biodiversity within the forest products supply chain, including customers and consumers. A panel discussion will highlight how several conservation partners are working to connect forest conservation efforts with markets and the forest products supply chain to support wildlife and help keep working forests working. |
| 4:30pm – 5:00pm | Wrap up and details for Wednesday field tour |
| 6:00pm – 8:00pm | Reception at Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame |

Wednesday, September 20th – Field Tour

The field tour will build upon the themes and discussions from day one of the forum, including managing forests for multiple objectives and opportunities to strengthen the connection between landowners, forest conservation efforts, and forest products supply chains. Tour stops will highlight some of the unique forest habitats and species found in west Louisiana and demonstrate how public-private partnerships like Forestland Stewards are helping to advance forest and wildlife conservation in the South.

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| 7:00 am | Load buses |
| 8:00 am | Arrive at Louisiana Ecological Forestry Center at Hodges Gardens |
| 10:00 pm | Depart for second stop – Kisatchie National Forest |
| 11:00 pm | Arrive at Kisatchie National Forest |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:30 pm | Wrap up and adjourn from Kisatchie National Forest |
| 2:30 pm | Arrive at hotel, meeting adjourns |