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MEDIA ADVISORY

Lt. Governor Lucy Baxley Joins the USDA Forest Service in 100th Anniversary Celebration

WHAT: The USDA Forest Service will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a “Caretakers of the Land” Reunion. The guest speaker will be Lt. Governor Lucy Baxley. The Forest Service will be honoring employees and partners for their dedication and commitment to the National Forests in Alabama. Others on program will be Robert Jacobs, Regional Forester of 13 southern national forests who will present a Legacy Award to the Deans of Forestry at Auburn University, Tuskegee University, and Alabama A&M University for many years of support. Chris Pyron, Deputy Chief of Operations in the Washington Office will discuss the future of the Forest Service.

WHO: USDA Forest Service, National Forests in Alabama. Employees of the Bankhead, Talladega, Tuskegee, Conecuh national forests, and Supervisor’s Office in Montgomery, Alabama, cooperators, partners, and retirees.

WHEN: May 19, 2005 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, Alabama

WHY: According to Stephen R. Rickerson, Forest Supervisor for the National Forests in Alabama, the Forest Service 100th anniversary is a great opportunity to acknowledge past achievements and will serve as a reminder that conserving America’s natural heritage through the next century will require both public and private commitment and dedication.

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