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USDA Forest Service Teams Up with the Alabama Horse Council to Host Trail Conference

WHAT: The USDA Forest Service is teaming up with the Alabama Horse Council and numerous partners to host a Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference. Horseback riders and outdoor enthusiasts interested in learning about trail maintenance and riding ethics are invited to attend the conference and a field trip to the Tuskegee National Forest. Participants can register on-site or pre-register on-line at <http://www.southeasternequestriantrails.com/> or call (205) 347-7058.

Dr. Gene Wood, renowned author and Professor Emeritus at Clemson University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, will be the guest speaker during the conference. Dr. Wood has conducted many years of research in equestrian trails and promotes creating a balance between humans, horses and natural resources. Participants can hear one of Dr. Wood's presentations during a field trip to the Tuskegee National Forest, Bedford Cash Memorial Horse Trail. Please wear field clothes including comfortable walking shoes.

WHO: Alabama Horse Council, USDA Forest Service, Backcountry Horsemen of Alabama and numerous partners.

WHEN: July 21-23, 2011. The conference opening session is July 22 at 8 a.m. The pre-conference begins with a field trip to the Tuskegee National Forest on July 21 from 1-4 p.m.

WHERE: The conference will be held at the [Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center](#) , 241 S College St, Auburn, AL 36830. Shuttle buses will be available for the pre-conference field trip in the Tuskegee National Forest's Bedford Cash/Bold Destiny Horse Trail.

AGENDA: http://www.southeasternequestriantrails.com/files/2011/SETC_AGENDA_June_15_2011.pdf