

Communicating Stewardship to Alabama Forest Owners

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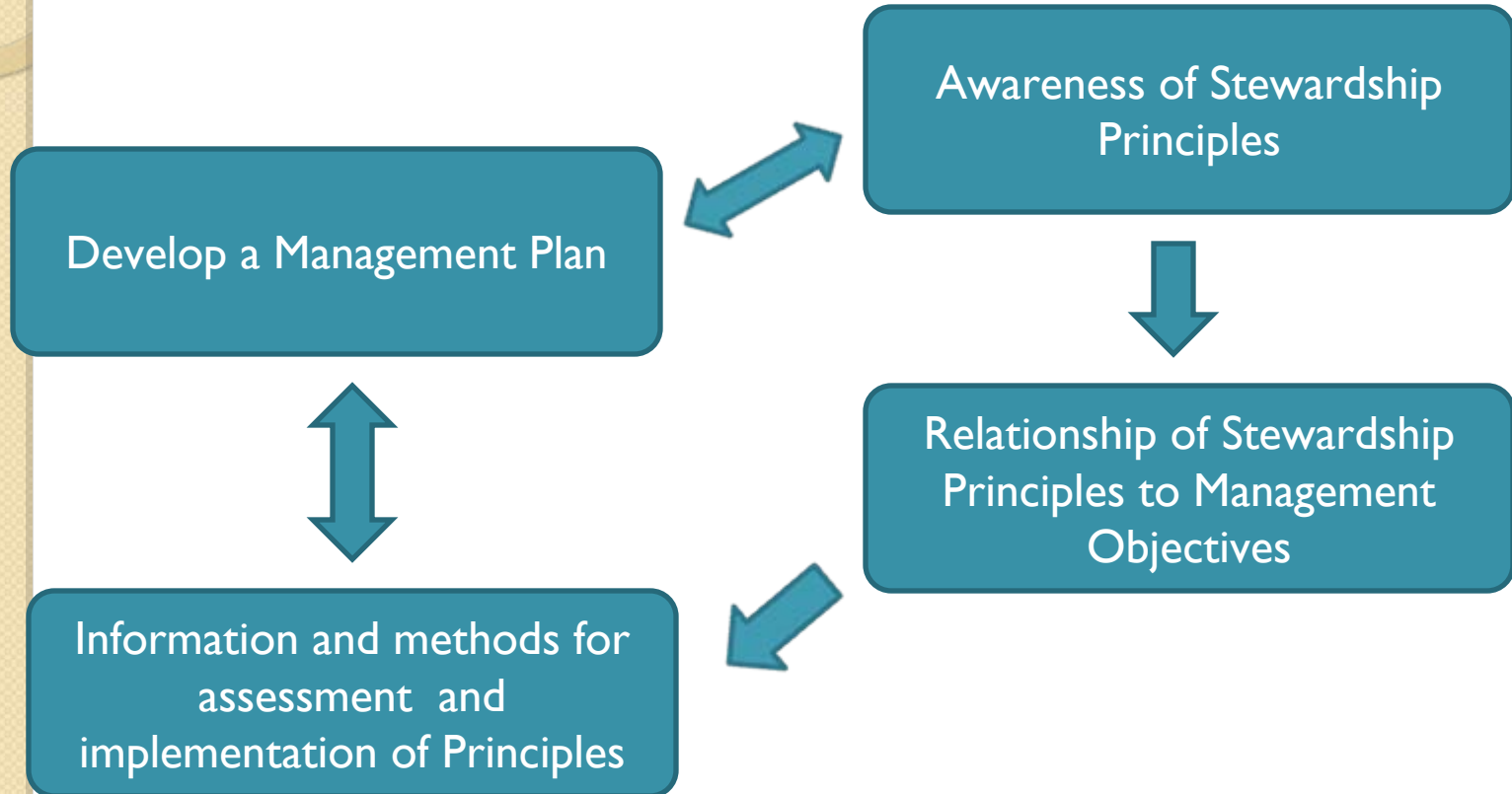
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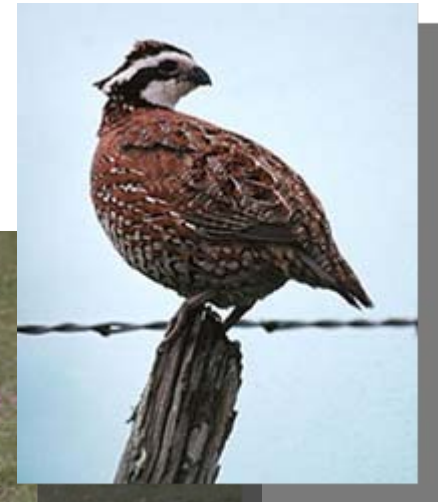
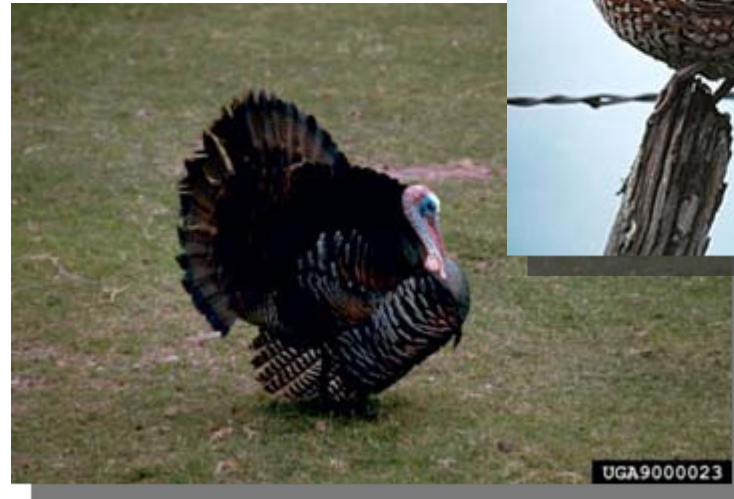


Project Objectives



Create Opportunities to Discuss Stewardship

- Peer to peer
- Professional contact
- Organized events
 - Workshops
 - Field days



Field Days

- Relate concepts in settings where the images tell the story
- Reinforce the relationship between conventional management and stewardship/sustainability



Providing Field Days

- Training
 - AFC foresters and Extension regional agents
 - Organizing effecting field days
 - Incorporation stewardship principles
- AFC and ACES organize stewardship field days



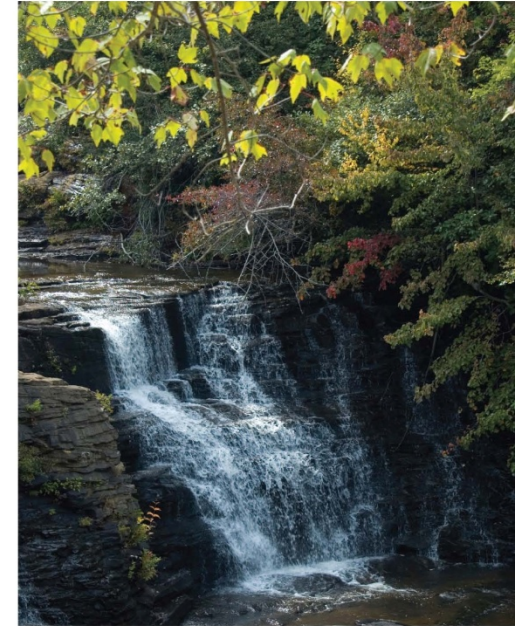


- Brochure
- Distribute in venues where landowners discuss forest management practices and planning
- Results
 - Increase awareness of Forestry Commission Services
 - Introduce Stewardship Principles
 - Online handbook
 - ACES stewardship website

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for Family Forest Ownerships



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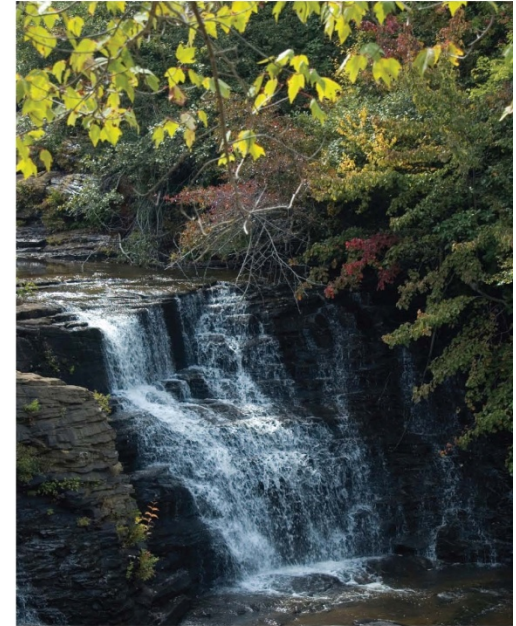
Brochure Text

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- Relates Stewardship to Sustainability and Management
 - Just active management is a major step forward
- Emphasizes the importance of
 - Knowledge
 - Information about resources
 - Decision making

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Website Objectives

- Provide access to handbook
- Emphasize the link between principles and management issues and objectives
- Address major needs in planning
 - Education
 - Decision tools/analysis of options
 - Assessment/Measurement of resources



Website Organization

- Introduction
 - Introduces main concepts and links to Stewardship booklet
- Principles
 - Narrative on issues in the principles and criteria
 - Publications with specific information are hyperlinked in the narrative

Website Side Effects

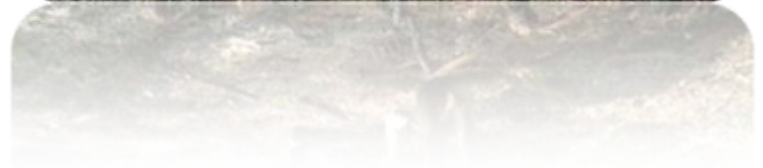
- Highlights connections between disciplines
 - Fisheries
- Alabama publications/information can't fill every niche
 - Other state extension/forestry services
 - USDA Forest Service
 - SFI
- Some niches unfilled (Publication diversity?)

Unfilled Niches

- Explaining connection between biodiversity and management
 - NCSSF report
- Decision tools
- Quantitative timber management in native/natural forests
- Integrated forest health resource
 - Replace or provide bridge to single disease/insect/complex publications

Unfilled Niches

- Forest Harvest Planning Guide
 - In development
- Current economic/social information





Any Questions?