

# Forestry Satellite Videoconference Announcement

## Forest Certification – A Landowner Update



**Tuesday, December 4, 2001**

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**What:** A multiagency educational event for landowners, natural resource professionals and others interested in finding out the latest information on forest certification. Certification of forest practices and products is an international phenomenon that involves the U.S. forestry community and general consumer. There are currently numerous certification programs, and although certification of land and forest products is not a currently a requirement, there remains a lot of confusion. The Cooperative Extension Service – Southern Region in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service, Southern Group of State Foresters and others is sponsoring a live event to provide factual information and educational insight on this major natural resource issue. Topics to be discussed include:

- Introduction and history of the forest certification internationally and in the U.S.
- Summary of current certification systems including a comparison of major systems
- Overview of current and future ramifications for forest landowners, forest industry and consumers

**When:** Tuesday evening, December 4, 2001 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Central Time (7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Eastern Time).

**Where:** Satellite downlink sites are currently being determined however if you have access to satellite downlink equipment and would like to organize an event in your area, please contact one of the regional co-coordinators (see below) or visit the website at [www.soforext.net/certification](http://www.soforext.net/certification) for more information. Costs may vary by state and location due to local expenses such as technician expenses, room rentals, breaks, materials, etc.).

**For more information:** Contact Bill Hubbard, [whubbard@uga.edu](mailto:whubbard@uga.edu) (706) 542-7813, Mark Dubois, [duboismr@auburn.edu](mailto:duboismr@auburn.edu) (334) 844-1037 or see [www.soforext.net/certification](http://www.soforext.net/certification). State contacts with Extension and state forestry agencies will be coordinated quickly and will be listed on the website as they become available.

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