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Steve Anthony Appointed to Arkansas Forestry Commission

LITTLE ROCK, AR – Governor Asa Hutchinson recently appointed Steve Anthony of Fordyce to the Arkansas Agriculture Department’s Forestry Commission to complete five years of an unexpired nine-year term.

Anthony was on the commission from 2000-2009 and served as chairman from 2006-2007. He is currently President of Anthony Timberlands Inc., which owns and manages a variety of forest products companies throughout south Arkansas. Anthony also serves on the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Forestry Association.

“I have great confidence that my role on the commission will be one of broad oversight,” said Anthony. “There are many of the existing members from my time on the commission before and I have no doubt that we will work well together.”

Anthony’s family has been involved in forestry and timber manufacturing since 1907. He started working in the industry himself as a teenager during the summers pulling lumber on the sawmill green chain.

Joe Fox, State Forester, believes that Anthony will be a valuable asset to the commission.

“We are fortunate to have Steve back on the commission and welcome his wealth of knowledge and experience in the industry,” said Fox. “He has served the forestry community for quite a while and knows what it takes to carry out our mission.

The AAD is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation.

The mission of the Forestry Commission is to protect Arkansas’s forests, and those who enjoy them, from wildland fire and natural hazards while promoting rural and urban forest health, stewardship, development and conservation for all generations of Arkansans.

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