



Welcome to April. Each month, we share stories, insights, and updates from across the SFLR Network, highlighting the people, partnerships, and work that continue to strengthen land stewardship, legacy, and community.

Let's dive in!



Earth Day Is Every Day

As we recognize **Earth Day** this month, I'm reminded that the work we do across the SFLR Network reflects this commitment every single day.

Supporting landowners, strengthening stewardship practices, and helping families retain and protect their land for future generations is not something we do once a year, it's at the core of who we are. Every conversation, every partnership, and every acre of land we help sustain contributes to a larger vision of long-term resilience and legacy.

Earth Day offers an opportunity to pause and reflect, but it also reinforces the importance of continuing this work with intention. I'm proud to be part of a network that shows up daily to care for the land and the communities connected to it.

Because in the end, the way we care for the land today shapes what the land will give back tomorrow.

Warmly,
Bethaney



Forestry Leaders Gather at the Mississippi Capitol

Last month **SFLR Network's** Breah Banks joined over 85 members of the forestry community at the Mississippi State Capitol for the inaugural Forestry Day at the Capitol.

Throughout the morning, she and fellow attendees met with legislators to share insights on key issues affecting forest landowners and discuss ways to support the continued growth of Mississippi's forestry sector.

The Mississippi Forestry Association, the only statewide non-profit organization dedicated to sustaining Mississippi's forests, played a key role in bringing together forestry leaders, landowners, and policymakers for this important day of advocacy.

Following the Capitol meetings, more than 200 MFA members, along with legislators and other elected officials, gathered for the 2026 Legislative Luncheon. The event provided a valuable opportunity for networking and celebrated the strength and impact of Mississippi's forest community.



[Learn more about The Mississippi Forestry Association](#)

Events

On The Horizon



Upcoming Workshop: Longleaf for the Landowner – North Carolina

Registration is now open for Longleaf for the Landowner, an upcoming workshop designed especially for beginning landowners and those ready to take a more active role in managing their land.

This hands-on learning experience will help participants better understand how to steward their land with confidence while exploring practical tools, resources, and strategies for long-term success.

When: April 22–24, 2026

Where: White Oak Community Center

Participants will:

- Discover how to seek financial assistance and apply for cost-share programs
- Gain a better understanding of heirs' property issues and available resources
- Learn the economics, ecology, and management of longleaf pine through classroom and field instruction

Topics include:

- Working with a Forestry Professional
- Getting Started with Cost-Share
- Creating Your Family Forest Legacy
- Business Planning for Your Family Forest & Farm
- Keys to Establishing Longleaf Pine
- Understanding Heirs Property and Estate Planning

[Register here](#)

Legacy Builders

A Month of Honoring Women in Our Network

Last month, we highlighted a few of the women within the SFLR Network community who are doing incredible work.

We are deeply grateful to all of the women across the SFLR Network who allowed us to share their stories and the meaningful, impactful work they do every day. It was a true pleasure to take a closer, more personal look at the work happening across their respective sites and the many ways they are strengthening land stewardship, community, and legacy.

We wish we could have highlighted every single woman within our network doing this important work. We honor you, and we see your strength and commitment.

In case you missed it, or if you would like to learn more about the incredible women leading our partner sites, visit our [Facebook page](#).



Closing Reflections

Thank you for being part of this work. If this newsletter resonates with you, we encourage you to share it with your network and help us expand the reach of resources that strengthen land legacies.

With gratitude,
The SFLR Team



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