

BMP Updates 2015

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Topics

- ▶ AFC Program
- ▶ Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS)
 - ▶ MS4
- ▶ Water Policy in Alabama
 - ▶ Mega Listing
- ▶ Entering Alabama's Highways
- ▶ 2014 Forest Resource Report



AFC BMP Program

- ▶ 2015 (ends September 30, 2015)
 - ▶ 40 complaints so far
 - ▶ 20 were valid
 - ▶ 20 were not valid or not related to silviculture
 - ▶ 2 SFI Inconsistent Practices Committee Actions
- ▶ Goal to complete 257 inspections on active logging sites
 - ▶ Completed 25 BMP Programs
 - ▶ 31 AFC Internal Audits completed



AFC Program FY 2016

- ▶ Inspections will be on closed-out tracts
- ▶ Implementation rates are determined from this cycle
 - ▶ Numbers are used for many things
- ▶ Will still do inspections on active tracts if requested
- ▶ Will still react to complaints involving silvicultural activities
 - ▶ ADEM - Water Quality
 - ▶ USACE - Wetlands



WOTUS

- ▶ Placed on the federal register
- ▶ Will be in effect August 28, 2015
 - ▶ Multiple lawsuits filed
- ▶ 2 largest suits have asked for an injunction
- ▶ All tributaries will be classified as Jurisdictional Wetlands

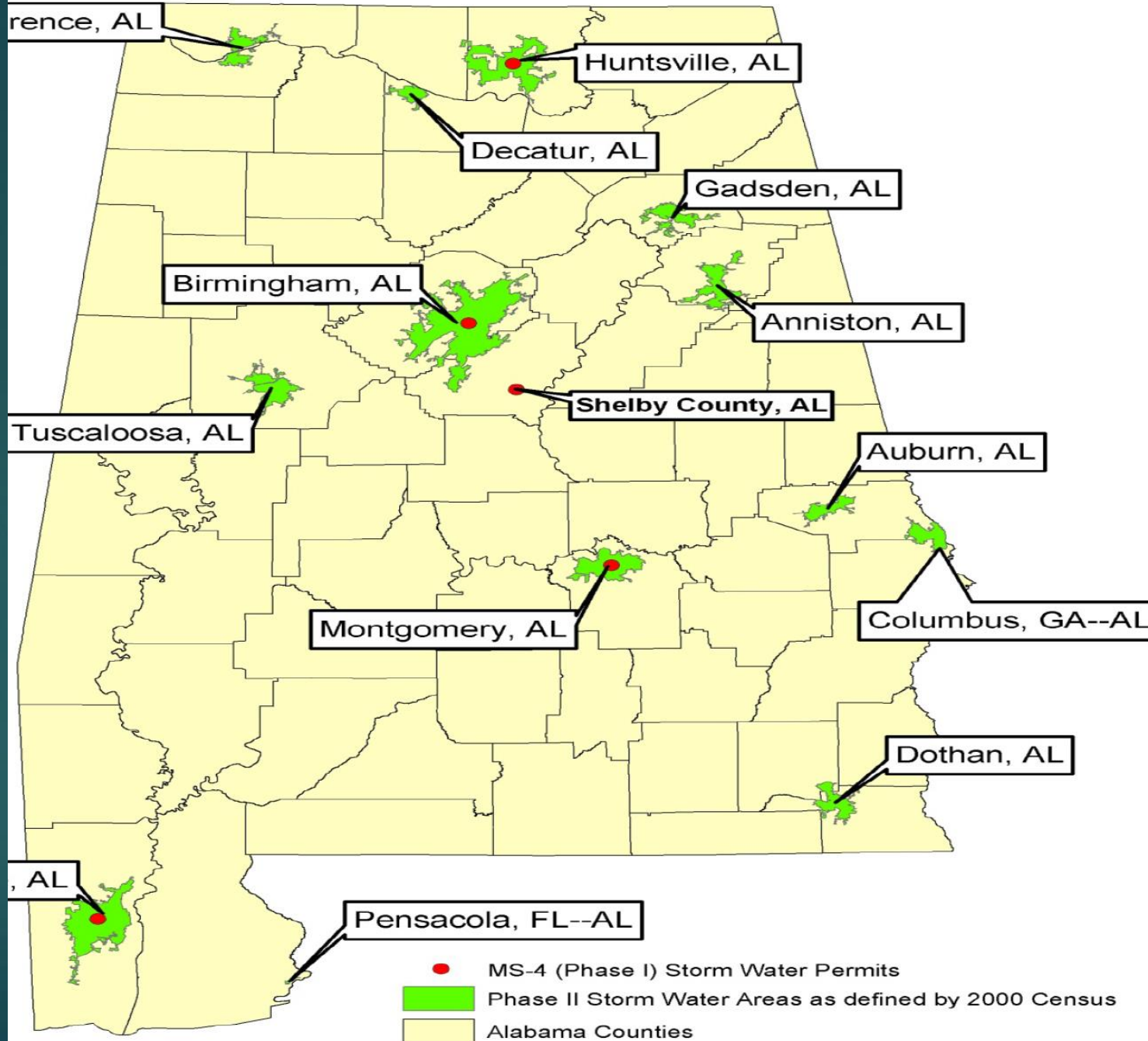


MS4

- ▶ Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
 - ▶ Phase I – 1990 – pop > 100,000
- ▶ Phase II – 1999
- ▶ Phase II Permittees are MS4s that service a population of < 100,000 and are located in an urbanized area as determined by the latest Census (only the portion that is within the UA is regulated) or is an MS4 designated by ADEM.



Alabama Storm Water Management Areas



Water Policy

- ▶ Stakeholder meetings have taken place
- ▶ Task force groups are fixing to start up
- ▶ AFA and AFC will have representation
 - ▶ Water Quantity /Water Quality
 - ▶ Surface Water / Ground Water



MEGA Listing

- ▶ Threatened and Endangered Species
- ▶ Dialogue has been opened with USFWS
- ▶ Over ½ the species being looked at are aquatic species
 - ▶ Forestry BMPs are essential
- ▶ Stream Crossings, SMZs and Road construction / closure
 - ▶ Skidding patterns



State Highway ROW

- ▶ ALDOT has their own MS4
- ▶ Depending on the District Engineer you may have to apply for a permit for a new access point
 - ▶ Know where the ROW boundaries are located



Forest Resource Report 2014

- ▶ Alabama has 23 million acres of forestland
- ▶ 3rd largest commercial forestland in the nation
 - ▶ 94% privately –owned, 6% publicly owned
 - ▶ 87% non-industrial private
- ▶ 43% hardwood – 43% softwood – 14% mixed
 - ▶ Growth – Drain – 1.47 sftwd., 1.8 hdwd.
 - ▶ Growing stock increases: total 18.7%
 - ▶ Softwood vol. 31.1%, Hdwd. Vol 7.6%

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