



ForestFund News Update

ForestFund Distributes \$7,500,000 in Dividend Payouts

January 26, 2026 – Checks totaling \$7.5 million were issued recently to ForestFund participants, the Workers' Compensation Fund for Alabama Forestry Association members. Since 1990, ForestFund has returned more than \$151 million in 'dividends'.

"We are proud to have distributed \$7,500,000 in dividends recently to 341 ForestFund participants" said ForestFund President Joey Ammons. "Fund participants with loss ratios under 67.01% qualified to receive substantial refunds on their 2024 workers' compensation contributions."

In announcing the payments, ForestFund Chairman Winston Bryant noted, "Being able to return a portion of annual fund contributions to our fund participants who prioritize safety and eliminate workers' compensation claims is a tremendous benefit. These refunds provide meaningful financial relief for our members, particularly at year's end, and particularly given the current logging climate. Traditional insurers are profit-driven, but ForestFund keeps only what's needed to pay claims and distributes the excess back to its members. The opportunity to receive money back is a key reason we continue our partnership with ForestFund, and I am honored to serve as Chairman."

ForestFund was started in 1970 to provide a secure, dependable Workers' Compensation market for businesses in the forest products industry. It is governed by its participants, who serve on the board and set policy and rates, with an experienced administrator managing the program. While many workers' compensation providers have come and gone, ForestFund has remained strong through every market cycle. ForestFund has declared dividends for 36 consecutive years—something no other company or program has ever achieved. The Alabama Forestry Association has exclusively endorsed ForestFund for 55 years.

Safety is the foundation of cost control. ForestFund delivers a comprehensive accident-prevention program that starts with on-site visits from seasoned loss control professionals. Employees receive ongoing education through hands-on training, regular safety bulletins, and an extensive video library. ForestFund also prioritizes drug-free workplace programs and OSHA compliance to help participants create safer, more productive operations.

In 2026, ForestFund will enter its 56th year of providing a stable market, cost savings, outstanding service and safety compliance training and education for employers and employees who manage, harvest, transport, manufacture, buy, or sell forest products. For a quote, call Kelly Daniel at (334) 495-0024 or (877) 867-2370