

# LIVING IN THE FOREST

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these measures save resident and firefighter lives and property in the WUI? Yes, as the experience of neighboring states has shown.

Every time local governments in local-option states like ours authorize new residential development in the WUI with no mitigation requirements, they endanger the lives of the people who will move there, as well as the firefighters who will try to save them when the next fire comes. The greatest physical dangers may lie up in the WUI, but we all bear the moral and fiscal responsibility for facing them. We are all paying the price of living in the Wildland Urban Interface.☞

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To read the research project, go to [www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/SPA/Research/EAWG/Research/wildfires](http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/SPA/Research/EAWG/Research/wildfires)

You can reduce the risks of wildfire damaging your home or property by implementing a few simple preventive measures, and the Alabama Forestry Commission wants to help. For a free Wildfire Risk Assessment consultation, contact the AFC office in your county. To learn more, visit [www.forestry.alabama.gov/homeowner\\_resources.aspx](http://www.forestry.alabama.gov/homeowner_resources.aspx)

To develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), contact your local AFC office. For more information about resources available for communities, visit [www.forestry.alabama.gov/community\\_resources.aspx](http://www.forestry.alabama.gov/community_resources.aspx)

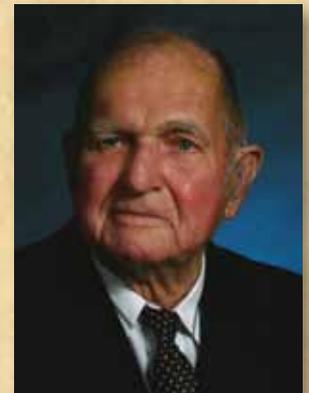
By incorporating "FireWise" tips into your community's existing disaster plan, you may see multiple benefits from a single action – perhaps impacting insurance ratings, public safety, natural resources, and government funding. Read more at [www.forestry.alabama.gov/subdivision\\_resources.aspx](http://www.forestry.alabama.gov/subdivision_resources.aspx)



# MEMORIAL

## Cecil Owen Tanner 1924 - 2013

The Alabama Forestry Commission has lost another friend. Cecil Owen Tanner, well-known Mobile County farmer and civic leader, died at home on October 12, 2013, at the age of 89. A true Southern Gentleman and steward of the land, Mr. Tanner was a former commissioner and staunch supporter of the AFC.



Cecil Owen Tanner

Born on May 24, 1924, Tanner was a native and lifelong resident of Mobile County. Raised in the Crichton community, he was a direct descendant of John Willis Tanner, a veteran of the War of 1812, and of Isaac Tanner, a veteran of the Civil War. Following his graduation from Murphy High School in 1941, he served in the US Army in the European theater during World War II. He later attended the University of Alabama, and worked at Brookley Air Force Base and Teledyne Continental Motors until his retirement in 1975.

Appointed by Governor Guy Hunt to the Alabama Forestry Commission, Tanner served from January 1990 until November 1994. He was an active member of the Alabama Farmers Federation, serving on its Commodity Committees for 31 years. Tanner was a leader of the Mobile County Soil and Water Conservation District, responsible for providing leadership in conservation and development of Alabama's natural resources, and serving as state chairman for one year. He also served as President of the Mobile County Cattlemen's Association.

The Tanner family farm, a portion of the original Tanner land grant from 1841, was designated as a TREASURE Forest.☞

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