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# Tree Farm Tour and Awards Ceremony

## John and Allison Nash's Osceola Pines

### Florida Outstanding Tree Farm of 2017

Levy County, FL

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**Date: Friday, October 20, 2017**

**Meet at the property at 9:00 AM ET; adjourn after lunch**

Congratulations to John and Allison Nash for their outstanding forest stewardship and being selected as Florida's Outstanding Tree Farm of 2017. Their Osceola Pines property was an active turpentine harvest in the late 1800's, continuing until the 1920's, as evidenced by the multiple cat faces and turpentine pots found throughout the tract. The property was then managed for timber production and became a large lease hunting club. When John and Allison Nash purchased the property in 2002, a third of the land had been clearcut. The Nash's goal is to enjoy the property as a family retreat, and ensure future income from timber production. Their objectives are to optimize the production of wildlife, especially wild turkey, and integrate that with timber production. By staying focused on a long-term plan and seeking professional and financial assistance, they are realizing their goal. They joined the Florida Forestry Association to get connected to information and resources and have received technical and financial assistance from the National Wild Turkey Federation, Florida Forest Service, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and other partners.



**Join us for a tour, lunch and awards ceremony on Friday, October 20, 2017 at Osceola Pines.**

Learn about sustainable forest and wildlife habitat management and connect with the local and statewide professionals and resources that are available to assist in your land management. Most of the tour will involve riding in vans or open trailers with several discussion stops and a short walk or two. Please wear appropriate clothing, footwear and bring rain gear in case of wet weather.

**Register:** This event is free but pre-registration is required. Reserve a space by calling Whitney at the Florida Forestry Association, (850) 222-5646. ***Space will be limited and the registration deadline is October 13.*** Directions to the property are on the back. Please share this announcement with others who may be interested.



Funding for this event is provided by the Florida Tree Farm Program, USDA Forest Service through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service's Florida Forest Service, and the Florida Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee.

## Directions to Osceola Pines

### From the East / Gainesville area:

- Head South West on **Hwy 24 - Archer Road** for 35 miles to Otter Creek, Florida.
- Continue on **Hwy 24** across **US 19** for 1.8 Miles to **CR 336**. Turn Right. Elzy Methodist church will be on your left after the turn.
- Continue North on **CR 336** 7.2 Miles to **CR 345**. Turn Left onto **CR 345**.
- Continue on **CR 345** for 3.5 Miles to **Rocky Creek Road**. This is a dirt Road.
- Turn Left on to **Rocky Creek Road**. Signs will be posted to guide you.
- Continue East on **Rocky Creek Road** To a Brown Rusted Gate. +- .5 miles.
- Continue through Brown Rusted Gate to **Camp Road**. First Red gate on Right.
- Turn Right onto **Camp Road**.
- Continue to Camp +- .5 miles.

### From the West / Chiefland area:

- From Hwy 98 in Chiefland head West on **Main Street** toward **CR-345 S / SW 4th Ave**.
- Turn right on to **CR 345**.
- Continue on **CR-345 12.9 miles to Rocky Creek Road**. This is a dirt Road. Turn
- Left on to **Rocky Creek Road**. Signs will be posted to guide you.
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