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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
THE ALABAMA NATIONAL FOREST: 1914 – 1936
PRESENTED BY BOB PASQUILL

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought continues another year of interesting and informative talks on Alabama history at the **Alabama Department of Archives and History** on **Thursday, November 20th**. Join us at **noon** as Bob Pasquill presents *The Alabama National Forest: 1914 – 1936*.

This year marks the centennial of the establishment of national forests in the state of Alabama. In commemoration of this anniversary, Bob Pasquill, Heritage Program Manager for the National Forests in Alabama, will explore the early years of what is today the Bankhead National Forest, beginning in 1914 with the Alabama Purchase Unit through 1936 when the Alabama National Forest renamed the Black Warrior National Forest.

As the Heritage Program Manager, Pasquill is in charge of the cultural resources work on the forests both as the Forest Archeologist and Forest Historian. His research concentrates on early Forest Service history and the government programs that helped create the National Forests. In April 2001, he began public education programs on the Civilian Conservation Corps Program. The University of Alabama Press published Pasquill's book *The Civilian Conservation Corps in Alabama, 1933-1942, A Great and Lasting Good* in July 2008. Also in 2008, New South Books published *Planting Hope on Worn Out Land, History of the Tuskegee Land Utilization Project, Macon County, Alabama, 1935 – 1959* which documented the creation of the Tuskegee National Forest from a Land Utilization Project of the New Deal's Resettlement Administration. Pasquill is presently researching and writing a historical narrative on the development of the forest fire protection systems in the Southern Region of the National Forest.

This ArchiTreats presentation made possible by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history. Complimentary beverages are provided. **Admission is always FREE!**

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