

Annual Meeting
**UPPER SAVANNAH
LAND TRUST**



Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 5:30

Arts Center at the Federal Building, 120 Main Street, Greenwood

Guest Speaker - Michael Hook, South Carolina Bobwhite Initiative

Mr. Hook, Small Game Program Leader at the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, will talk about activities with the S.C. Bobwhite Initiative. The Initiative was established in



2015 to restore bobwhite populations to early-1980s levels. Our state's heritage of quail hunting rivals those of Georgia and Texas, yet our bird populations continue to dwindle. Also, many other species of grassland birds are exhibiting substantial declines in SC. This is directly related to declines in the same type of habitat that supported robust quail

populations for so many years. The science exists to build and sustain proper quail landscapes as do the resources to put the science into practice. What's been lacking is the muscle and effort to bring these together and put them to work. Two decades of attempting to restore bobwhites on tracts of land separated by miles of unmanaged acreage taught us that an uncoordinated approach simply doesn't produce lasting



results. Growing bobwhites requires many parties working together on timber management, prescribed fire, planting, discing, cutting, funding and cooperation between neighboring landowners across a wide landscape. In December 2014, state and federal agencies, conservation groups, sportsmen and landowners formed the S.C. Quail Council with the goal of planning and carrying out a statewide recovery

of bobwhites. Science-based approaches exist and have been proven around the country to have significant impact, often quadrupling quail populations in a few years. The Council became the backbone of the SC Bobwhite Initiative, combining existing science and available resources to launch a statewide strategic effort. Learn more about this Initiative during our Upper Savannah Land Trust meeting.

Meeting is at no charge to USLT financial donors.

Cost for others is \$20. Dress is casual.

Silent Auction and refreshments at 5:30. Dinner at 6:30.

Drawing for Gun: CZ Redhead Premier O/U shotgun in 20 gauge.

Raffle tickets available from board members or at the door at \$20 each, 3 for \$50, or 7 for \$100

Barbecue dinner by Shealy's at 6:30 p.m. Business meeting and speaker to follow.

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