

**The Center for BioEnergy Sustainability (CBES)
at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)
is pleased to announce that we are holding a special Forum on August 4th, 2011 in the
Ocoee Room (room 189) in Building 1505 at 3:30.**

The forum will be followed by a casual gathering at Virginia Dale's home where light refreshments will be enjoyed as the discussions continue.

The topic of this special presentation is "Using agent-based models to understand the impact of NIPF owner preferences and bioenergy policies on forested landscapes" and will be presented by Audrey Mayer.

Audrey Mayer is an Assistant Professor of Ecology and Environmental Policy at Michigan Technological University, with a joint appointment in the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Sciences, and the Department of Social Sciences. She was awarded a Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award in 2011 from the Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and will be collaborating with Virginia Dale on landscape-scale computer modeling of forest-based bioenergy production in Michigan and Tennessee. Previously she was a researcher at the University of Helsinki and the University of Tampere, Finland, where she examined the impact of wood exports on the biodiversity of Russian and Finnish forests. Prior to this, she was an Ecologist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development laboratory in Cincinnati, Ohio, working on a variety of sustainability-related projects. She completed her Ph.D. in 2000 in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

We will still hold our regular CBES forum on August 18th with guest speaker Neal Gutterson from Mendel Biotechnology, Inc.