



# Virginia Forest Landowner Update

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## Upcoming Events

- **July 29 & Aug. 5,**  
Farmville Preparing for Generation NEXT
- **September 5-7, Wakefield**  
Fall Landowner Weekend Retreat
- **September 12, Waynesboro**  
Waynesboro Tree Care Workshop
- **September 20, Lovingson**  
Venture Outdoors Program
- **Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours**
  - **Sept. 29-30**  
Northern Neck/Chesapeake Bay
  - **Oct. 10 -**  
Halifax
  - **Grayson/Carr**  
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## Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Yesterday I ate the first garden tomato of the season! I must admit, tomatoes are the main reason I even bother with a garden. Fortunately, the weather here in the New River Valley this year has been very conducive to tomato-growing (unlike last year when we had a wash-out every day). If I can just keep the deer from eating my peas...

Now that it's summer and everything is leafed out, you may be noticing some exotic invasives on your property. The USDA Forest Service/University of Georgia's Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health site ([www.bugwood.org](http://www.bugwood.org)) is a great resource to help you identify these plants. In a week or so, I'll be conducting some manual control of wine raspberry on my neighbor's property. Basically this entails picking the ripe fruit to prevent the seed from spreading. I don't know how effective this method is, but it is definitely delicious!

And speaking of invasive species, in this summer's **You Ain't From around Here!** article, you will learn about a new effort in Virginia to control invasive species, called Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs). **One already exists in Highland County**, and the potential is there for more to be formed.

Finally, I've decided to stop being such a curmudgeon and learn how to use my Twitter account. You can follow the Virginia Forest Landowner Update @VFLEP (and like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/VFLEP](http://www.facebook.com/VFLEP)).

Hope everyone's summer is going well and that you're able to spend some quality time out on your property. In your spare time, enjoy the summer edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update.

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### In this edition of the Forest Landowner Update:

- **Forestry Operations and Water Quality in Virginia.** The Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and Amendments generally consider water quality pollutants (e.g., sediment, temperature, chemicals) from normal forestry and agricultural operations as non-point source pollutants (NPSP) under Section 319. This means that agricultural and forestry operations are not easy to define, locate, and evaluate, unlike many industrial operations. **Read more...**
- **Return of the Wapati – An Update.** Back in the summer of 2010, the Virginia Forest Landowner Update (V. 24 No. 3) featured a story about

Virginia Sustainable  
Forestry Initiative State  
Implementation  
Committee

The American Tree Farm  
System

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the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) plan to reintroduce elk to Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise counties in SW Virginia. Beginning in 2012, elk were returned to the area over three years, with the final 45 animals being released this April. [Read more...](#)

- **You Ain't From Around Here! A Better Approach to Invasives?** Landowners, both large and small, are combating invasives of various kinds all across the US and, indeed, across the world. Most of us take small steps to deal with those that most directly impact us - weeds in the garden, stink bugs in the house, garlic mustard around the lawn. Other forest owners deal with various invasives on a larger scale, including trees like Ailanthus, vines like kudzu and bittersweet, stilt grass, and dozens more. [Read more...](#)
- **Forest Certification: A Primer.** Family woodland owners ask themselves many questions about their properties, such as if and when to cut timber, what types of wildlife to manage for, how to control exotic invasive species, and how to protect water quality. An increasingly common question that forest owners ask is whether they should certify their forests. [Read more...](#)
- **Useful Resources.** [Read more...](#)
- **Events Calendar**
- And, finally, planning is underway for the **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours**. We'll be visiting the Northern Neck/Chesapeake Bay on September 29-30 (we'll be spending the night on Smith Island!!), Halifax County October 10<sup>th</sup>, and Grayson/Carroll Counties late October. Stay tuned for more details!

All the best!

Jennifer

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