



Virginia Forest Landowner Update

June 2014

Upcoming Events

- **June 12, On-line**
An Introduction to Invasive Species webinar
- **June 14, Lebanon**
Bees, Blooms and Bluegrass Festival
- **June 17, Charlottesville**
Virginia Forestry Economics and Trends
- **June 23, Christiansburg**
Managing Your Land
- **June 27, Glade Hill**
Venture Outdoors Program
- **June 28-29, Galax**
Summer Landowner Weekend Retreat
- **July 29 & Aug. 5, Farmville** Preparing for Generation NEXT
- **September 5-7, Wakefield**
Fall Landowner Weekend Retreat

Visit the Events Calendar for details!

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Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

I've just returned from vacation in California. And, although I love Virginia the best, I must admit, Lake Tahoe was absolutely stunning. I also took a hike through Muir Woods and admired the amazing redwoods growing there. Spectacular!

But it's good to be home, and as you can see from the Upcoming Events section, Extension and its partners have many forest landowner educational events coming up. We'd love to see you out at one of them!

This e-newsletter has been posted on-line. It can be viewed at:

<http://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/newsletter/archives/2014/June.pdf>

In forestry-related news this month:

- A loblolly pine, grown in the New Kent Forestry Center's orchard, is getting national attention. A team of scientists from across the United States has sequenced this loblolly pine's genome – the longest genetic code ever sequenced. This information will allow breeders to continue to improve the performance of this popular tree species. **Read more...**
- Back in the **Winter 2014 edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update** we featured a story by Alex Silvis, an MS Student in the Department of Fish & Wildlife Conservation here at Virginia Tech. This story discussed the plight of several species of bats as a result of white-nose syndrome, which is killing millions of them. **Learn how Virginia Tech researchers are using acoustic monitoring to study the effects of this disease on our bat populations.**
- The Nature Conservancy and the University of Tennessee have just published a report, **Fading Forests III. American Forests: What Choice will we Make?** This report looks the effects of exotic invasive species over the past 20 years, and makes recommendations on how to protect our forests.
- A great way to keep up to date on forestry issues is to join a forest landowner organization. These groups not only provide educational

Virginia Department of Forestry

Learn about cost-share programs, forest management options, buy seedlings, and find your local forester.

Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee

The American Tree Farm System

Virginia Forestry Association Forest Stewardship Program

USDA Forest Service

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opportunities for their members, they also support forest-friendly legislation. Virginia landowners are represented in Richmond by the **Virginia Forestry Association**. At the national level, there are the **National Woodland Owners Association** and the **Forest Landowners Association**. Visit their websites to learn more.

- Don't forget to register for our **upcoming Summer Landowner Weekend Retreat** in Galax, June 28-29. We only have a few spaces left. Registration closes June 13.
- And, finally, planning is underway for the **39th Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours**. We'll be visiting the Chesapeake Bay, Grayson-Carroll Counties, and Halifax County. Stay tuned for details!

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