Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Well, another Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour season has flown by. I’m so fortunate to have a job that allows me to travel all over this beautiful state we call home. I’ve even had a number of 1st this fall, including a trip to the Chesapeake Bay, a tour of an OSB mill in Halifax County, and a tour of a greenery assembly factory in North Carolina. As always, I’m grateful to all my Extension, Agency, Private and Industry partners who make all our forest landowner programming possible. And of course, I’m grateful to all of you landowners who attend our programs.

Here are some programs/information which can help you achieve your woodland management goals.

- For landowners in Virginia’s Chesapeake Bay Counties, the Chesapeake Forest Fund will pay-in-full and manage the planting and maintenance of native trees on your property. The Virginia Department of Forestry will assist with the on-the-ground effort. Planting area must be at least 1 acre, and the trees cannot be harvested for 15 years. Also, the areas to be planted must have been without trees for the past 10 years. Contact Jenny McGarvey 443/949-0575 for more information.

- The Forestry Quail Habitat Recovery Cost-Share Program, from the Virginia Department of Forestry, can help landowners in the 15 Quail Recovery Initiative target counties to create quality quail habitat. Practices include: 1. Herbicide application in managed forests; 2. Commercial thinning in small acreage stands; 3. Establishing diminished pine species (shortleaf and longleaf); 4. Non-commercial thinning; and 5. Prescribed burning in forest stands. Contact your local Virginia Department of Forestry office for more information.

- Read Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2014 Tax Year (especially if you’ve implemented any management...
activities or harvested timber). If you don’t do your own
taxes, be sure to share this with your accountant.

And here is some other useful forestry-related information:

- Remember the emerald ash borer (EAB)? This fall I’ve
been to 2 sites in Virginia, one in Halifax and one in
Covington, which have infestations. University of
Maryland Extension has put together a great factsheet
about EAB for landowners.

- Since visiting Smith Island last month, I’ve been thinking
about the Chesapeake Bay quite a bit. Here’s an
interesting report on the costs/benefits of Bay clean-up.

- With the chilly weather this weekend, many of us will be
taking our first dip into our wood piles and maybe
thinking we should have cut more. Learn about additives
for your chainsaw and how to break (and repair) your
saw.

- As the end of 2014 approaches, don’t forget to pick up a
copy of the 2014 Virginia State Map which features the
Virginia Department of Forestry and their State Forests in
celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the agency.

Follow the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program on
Twitter (@VFLEP) and Facebook
(www.facebook.com/VFLEP). Our trivia question for
November is posted at 9 a.m. on the 1st of each month on the
Facebook page. Be with first with a correct answer, and win a
VFLEP ball cap! I’ll also be posting photos from our wonderful
Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours very soon.

All the best!

Jennifer

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