



Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

March 2015

Upcoming Events

- **March 2, On-line**
On-line Woodland Options for Landowners
- **March 12, Roanoke**
Roanoke Tree Care Workshop: Working with Trees...Naturally
- **March 14, Culpeper**
11th Annual Woods & Wildlife Conference
- **Protect your Woodland Investment: Selling Timber, Preventing Timber Theft, Best Management Practices and Forestry – related Laws**
 - **March 18, Galax**
 - **March 25, Abingdon**
- **March 21, Providence Forge**
Walk in the Forest
- **April 1, Wakefield**

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

Wasn't it strange getting all of our winter weather in a matter of 3 weeks in February? But it's finally March and spring just has to be close, right? Which also means we will soon be hearing the joyful sounds of spring peepers. This is even more exciting when you learn that **2015 is Virginia's Year of the Frog!** This news makes me so incredibly happy. We have 27 species of frogs here in the commonwealth - think you can identify them by their calls? **Test your skills here.**

What I'm even happier about, is the arrival of our first grandchild in February. Which got my husband and I to thinking about the future of our land. We have one child (who swears she's never having children) who loves the land; and another, the mother of the grandbaby, who wants nothing to do with it. If we have any say in it, the new baby will grow to love the land as much as we do. But then how do we pass it on to her when the time comes? How do we equitably split our assets among our two daughters? How do we make sure our land management values are maintained?

I know from talking to other landowners, we are not alone in these concerns. Fortunately, Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Virginia Department of Forestry are continuing their successful "**Preparing for Generation NEXT**" program which teaches landowners and their families about the different tools available for succession planning. These tools can help keep both your land and your values intact. The 2015 program will be held this summer in the Valley. Location and dates will be announced soon.

Other notes:

- **The 2015 Virginia Forestry Summit, Wood Connections & Relationships**, will be held at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville April 15-16. Join professional foresters, loggers, wood products manufacturers, and woodland owners at this

Prescribed Burning on Private Lands Workshop - FULL

- April 15-16
Virginia Forestry Summit
- Spring Venture Outdoors!
 - April 24, Alberta
 - May 8, Lynchburg
 - May 15, Halifax
- July 11-12, Abingdon
SW Virginia Landowner Weekend Retreat

Visit the Events Calendar for details!

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annual meeting. Educational programs will be available for everyone. SAF CE credits will be available.

This year's program will feature a four-part full day General Session on Wednesday:

Part I: Focus on Loggers. Speakers to include Dr. Scott Barrett, Virginia Tech; Dr. Dale Green, University of Georgia; and Don Taylor, Sustainable Resource Systems LLC.

Part II: Focus on Virginia Resource Assessment & Landowner Survey. Speakers to include Dr. Steve Prisley and Will Saulnier, Virginia Tech.

Part III: Focus on Future Outlooks and Investments. Speakers to include Michael Kelly, Forest Investment Associates; Pete Stewart; Forest2Market; Marshall Thomas, F&W Forestry.

Part IV: Focus on Industry Perspectives. Speakers to include John Luke, Jr., MWV; Thomas Mende, Klausner, and others.

Thursday will feature workshops, tours as well as the annual Forestry Summit Reception and Awards Banquet. Friday offerings will include additional training opportunities. SAF CFE credits will be available.

- In last spring's newsletter, we featured [an article by Urban Forestry Professor Eric Wiseman on the importance of urban forests](#). You can learn more about how these forests function [in this article](#). If you are interested in learning about how you can care for the trees in your urban forest, plan on attending the [Roanoke Tree Care Workshop](#) on March 12 in Roanoke.
- [Virginia's 4 p.m. Burn Law is in effect February 15 – April 30](#)
- The [On-line Woodland Options for Landowners](#) class begins tomorrow – March 2nd. It's not too late to sign up!
- And don't forget the [Woods & Wildlife Conference](#) in Culpeper on March 14th. Registration is almost full, so register soon!
- [Our Prescribed Burning on Private Lands workshop](#) is full. Because of the great response, we'll be planning more of these workshops soon. Stay tuned.

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Don't forget, follow the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program on Twitter ([@VFLEP](#)) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/VFLEP](#)). Our trivia question for February is posted on the Facebook page at 9 am. Be with

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All the best!

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