



Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

October 2015

Upcoming Events

- **October 3-4, Cumberland**
Central Virginia Beginning Landowner's Weekend Retreat
- **Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours**
 - **October 16 – Nelson County**
 - **October 19 – Franklin/Southampton County – **note date change!****
 - **October 23 – Wythe/Smyth Counties**
- **October 9, Castlewood**
BIG TREES - Is it Time to Sell?
- **October 24, Madison**
Natural Hardwood

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

I hope everyone is staying safe and dry. I cannot believe the amount of rain we've already received here in the New River Valley. I knew we were in trouble Tuesday morning as I laid in bed listening to the unrelenting torrential downfall from 5 – 6 a.m. In fact, Blacksburg had its wettest day in recorded history Tuesday, with 4.39 inches of rain. And more to come with potential high winds.

If you do experience storm damage in your woods, here are some useful Extension publications to help you deal with the mess:

- <http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/naturalresources/DD7415.html>
- <http://www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/Storm%20Damage/FORFS12-3.pdf>
- <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/FR/FR17200.pdf>

Because of the potential for severe weather next week, we are postponing our Franklin City/Southampton County tour until Monday, October 19th. If you've already registered and cannot make the new date, you will be issued a full refund.

For now, here are our upcoming education events:

Upcoming Forest Landowner Education Events:

Please consider joining us for one of these upcoming events:

- We are extremely proud to offer, for the 39th consecutive year, the **Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour series. Registration is open** for all tours. This year's locations and dates are as follows:
 - October 16 – Nelson/Amherst Counties
 - October 19– Franklin City/Southampton County – **note date change!**

Charcoal Making Demonstration

- October 25, Montpelier Station

Working Woods Walk

- November 13, Front Royal

Forest Botanicals: Working Together to Build a New Supply Chain

- November 14, Abingdon

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Visit the Events Calendar for details!

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- October 23 – Wythe/Smyth Counties

A limited number of scholarships are available for K-12 teachers. Please call 540-231-6391 to reserve yours.

- On October 24th, Madison County will introduce its first ever Fall Harvest Festival. While enjoying the festivities, stop by to see a demonstration of how to make hardwood charcoal and taste test samples of local meat cooked over this charcoal.
- If you are a woodland owner and grower of forest medicinals, join VCE and partners at the workshop: **Forest Botanicals: Working Together to Build a New Supply Chain**. Learn about the complex and little understood forest botanical supply chain and the opportunities and challenges facing forest-based growers (and buyers) of native medicinal plants. November 13 in Front Royal or November 14 in Abingdon.

Upcoming Real Estate Professionals Events

- **Real Forestry for Real Estate (RFRE)**

- October 14 – Roanoke Valley Association of REALTORS Office, Roanoke. **Registration Brochure; Agenda.**
- November 16 – Richmond Area Association of REALTORS Office, Richmond. **Registration Brochure; Agenda.**
- November 17 – Loudoun County Fairgrounds, Leesburg. **Registration Brochure; Agenda** coming soon.
- December 2 – SW Virginia Association of REALTORS Office, Abingdon. **Registration Brochure; Agenda.**
- January 14 – New River Valley Association of Realtors Office, Christiansburg. Registration Brochure and Agenda available in November.

All RFRE participants will receive copies of our new publication, **Welcome to the Woods! A Guide for New Virginia Woodland Owners**, to deliver to their land-buying clients.

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Visit the **VFLEP Events Calendar** for a complete listing of upcoming landowner events.

Follow the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program on Twitter (**@VFLEP**) and Facebook (**www.facebook.com/VFLEP**). The trivia question for October will be posted at 9 a.m. on the 1st of the month on the Facebook page. Be with first with a correct answer, and win a VFLEP ball cap. I'm seeing lots of folks sporting these stylish caps! Don't be left out.

All the best!

Jennifer

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