

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

March 2020

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Good morning Forest Landowner e-Update Subscribers,

Last e-newsletter I mentioned taking advantage of dreary weather to update your woodland management plan (or to consider getting one). But having a plan is just the first step. Once you have a plan, if it simply sits on your bookshelf and looks nice, it's not doing anything to improve the health and productivity of your woods. You actually need to implement the plan to improve your woods. But sometimes taking this second step can be daunting.

Perhaps your plan calls for invasive species control along the edges of your planted pine. But what if you don't know how to identify the invasives listed in your plan? Or understand how to mix an herbicide or calibrate a sprayer? Or don't feel comfortable using chemicals?

Your plan may call for a prescribed fire. But how do you put in fire lines if you don't own a bulldozer? What weather conditions do you need to meet your burning goals? How do you keep the fire from getting out of hand?

These issues can easily lead to no action being taken. But there are resources available to help you. For the particular issues listed above, here are some educational resources to help get you started actually doing management on your land.

Invasive species identification and control:

[Blue Ridge PRISM](#) invasive species identification and control workshops. These workshops will help you identify and learn how to control unwanted exotic invasive species. They have 9 workshops coming up between now and October. See the full schedule [here](#).

Prescribed Fire on Private Lands

- April 9
- [Matthews State Forest, Galax](#)
- Register [on-line](#)

Longleaf Pine Landowner Field Day

- April 24
- [Airfield 4-H Educational Center, Wakefield](#)
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register by mail available later this week.

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

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If you don't live near any of the workshops, there are numerous on-line resources to help you.

- [Invasive Plant Species of Virginia](#)
- [Piedmont Master Gardeners: Invasive Plants](#)
- [Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health](#)
- [Going Native](#)

Prescribed burning:

- [Beyond the Bonfire: A Primer on Prescribed Fire for Virginia's Private Landowners](#)
- [Introduction to Private Land Prescribed Fire](#)
- [Virginia Prescribed Fire Council](#)
- [Virginia Prescribed Burn Manager Certification](#) (offered annually – 2020 schedule coming soon)

And, as always, you can contact your forester/wildlife biologist for assistance.

- [Virginia Department of Forestry](#)
- [Consulting forester list](#)
- [Private Lands Biologists](#)

If you have a plan but haven't implemented it, I'd love to know why. And no judgement here – my plan hasn't been implemented either! You can respond to this e-mail, or respond to the post on the [VFLEP Facebook Page](#). This information will help me tailor future educational programs to meet your needs.

And, just in time for tax season, the USDA Forest Service's publication: "[Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2019 Tax Year](#)" is now available. If you harvested timber in 2019, be sure your accountant knows about this publication.

Upcoming events

For a complete listing of upcoming program, please visit the VFLEP [Events Calendar](#).

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[Woodland Stewards Webinar Series](#) – now available for at home viewing.

- Woodland Management : What is Right for You and Your Woodland?
- Understanding the Financial Aspects of Woodland Management
- More Than Timber: Opportunities for Non-timber Forest Products
- Launching Your Woodland Legacy: Intact, in Forest, and in Family Ownership

[On-line Woodland Options for Landowners](#)

This 12-week, on-line, self-paced class will teach you the basics of woodland management. Topics include: tree ID, woodland ecology, sustainability, soils, mapping, and silviculture. Registration fee includes 3 books and a hands-on field trip.

- On-line from the comfort of your home
- March 2
- \$45 per family
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)
- [Syllabus](#)

[Beginning Woodland Owner Retreats](#)

These entry-level programs cover the basics of keeping your woods and wildlife healthy and productive, while working towards meeting your ownership goals. A combination of classroom, field trip, and hands-on activities are used to explore these concepts of sustainability. Registration fees include 5 meals, all materials, and transportation to the field trip. On-site lodging is also available if desired.

- Appomattox
 - [Holiday Lake 4H Educational Center](#)
 - March 20-21
 - Individual, No Lodging - \$40
 - Couple, No Lodging - \$70
 - Individual, Thurs. & Fri. Lodging - \$90
 - Couple, Thurs. & Fri. Lodging - \$170
 - Register [on-line](#)

- Register [by mail](#)
- Galax
 - [Matthews State Forest](#)
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- 10-6
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- Register [on-line](#)

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- April 24
- 8:30 – 3:30
- \$15 (includes lunch)
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Hope to see you out and about!

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