

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

November 2025

Good morning, Forest Update Subscribers,

September and October have passed in a flash. Over the course of those 2 months, I visited (almost) every nook and cranny of Virginia. From the sparsely populated King & Queen County (with fewer residents today than in 1790), to the most populous city in the commonwealth, Virginia Beach; from 23 feet in elevation (also Virginia Beach) to almost 4,200 feet on [High Knob Tower](#) in Wise County (home of the elusive [Wood Booger](#)); from the top of Massanutten Mountain in Shenandoah County (my first [enclosed synclinorium](#)), to the top of Hogback Mountain in Bland County. I've toured longleaf, Eastern white, loblolly, and shortleaf pine plantations, naturally regenerated Appalachian hardwood forests, pollinator plantings, timber harvests, and a flooring mill. I've shared wonderful locally catered meals with hundreds of you.

That's a long-winded way of saying my job is awesome. Virginia is an amazingly beautiful and diverse place with fabulous people. So, to all of you who host our programs on your lands (I know it's a lot of work), to all of you who help plan the programs, to all of you who speak at them, and to all of you who attend them – thank you! Our team could not do this without you. And of course, as always, a huge thank you to the wonderful team of colleagues I work with.

If you were unable to join us for a tour, you can take a [virtual one](#). And please plan on joining us to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the [Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours](#) October 20-23, 2026.

We are wrapping up our 2025 landowner education programming this month and are busy planning our 2026 programs.

[Events Calendar](#)

Featured Events:

[Fifteen Minutes in the Forest](#)

The award-winning Fifteen Minutes in the Forest video series features a wide array of topics and are shown the 4th Friday of each month at 12:15 PM on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube Premier](#).

- November 28: After the Storm: Disaster Response
- December 26-January 6: The Twelve Shorts of Christmas

Watch 150+ Fifteen Minutes in the Forest videos on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Generation NEXT Legacy Planning Workshop

Discussions about what happens to family forestland when mom and dad die are difficult. A well thought out plan can help things go smoothly. Our experts provide proven techniques to help you plan for the future of your land.

- November 8
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- [Hampton Roads AREC](#), Virginia Beach
- \$40/family
- Register [by mail](#)
- Register [online](#)

Woods & Wildlife Conferences

The long-standing Blacksburg and Culpeper Conferences will be held in February.

- February 21
 - [Squires Student Center](#), Blacksburg
 - Agenda and registration in December
- February 28
 - [Daniel Technology Center](#), Germanna Community College, Culpeper. Agenda and registration in December.

Landowner Retreats

Beginning Retreats provide information on hardwood and pine forest management, legacy planning, management planning, and more. Beyond the Basics Retreats take a deep dive into a specific forest management topic. All Retreats combine classroom, field trip, and hands-on activities. Registration opens 10 weeks prior to events.

- Beyond the Basics Woodland Owner Retreat: Managing Your Forest for Timber Income
 - March 13-14
 - [Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center](#), Appomattox
- Southwest Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Retreat
 - May 8-9
 - [Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center](#), Abingdon
- Southeast Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Retreat
 - September 11-12
 - [New Kent Conference Center](#), Providence Forge

Visit the [Blue Ridge PRISM](#) website for programs on nonnative invasives

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