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# Woodland Owner Notes eNewsletter

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### Getting Outside During COVID-19

In light of recent events regarding COVID-19, many of us are working from home and are practicing social distancing. To stop yourself from going stir crazy, try to get outside and enjoy the fresh air! This is a good time to get out into your woods and think about your forest management plan and simply enjoy your woods. Looking to learn something new? There are a lot of remote learning opportunities through webinars and trainings available, such as [forestrywebinars.net](https://forestrywebinars.net), and you can visit our [Facebook page](#) to find others that have been posted. Check out [this article](#) from Leave No Trace for other ideas to get outside!



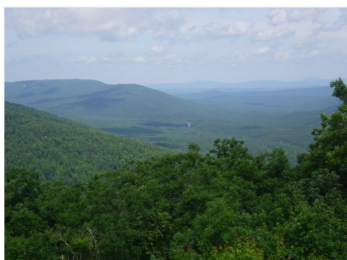
### Timber Harvest Values in 2018 Increased in North Carolina

North Carolina has about 18.1 million acres of timberland, which supports a vibrant forest product industry throughout the state. Timberland is the main land use type covering 58% of the total land in the state. In 2018, the total stumpage value of timber harvest, the value that landowners received for their standing timber, was about \$483.1 million, up 3.6% from 2017. You can [read more here](#).



### NC Forest Service Accepting Applications for Forest Development Program Funding

The NC Forest Service (NCFS) is accepting applications for cost-share reimbursement funding through the Forest Development Program. Landowners interested in applying for funding should contact their NCFS county ranger's office or work with a consulting forester. For more information on the program and enrollment periods, or to view the full article from the North Carolina Forest Service's website [click here](#).



### Shortleaf Pine in the Southern Appalachians

In early March, about 25 silviculturists, foresters, fire management officers, timber specialists, and other USDA Forest Service experts gathered for a two-day workshop on shortleaf pine. In the southern Appalachians, shortleaf pine restoration is a major priority for national forests and others. If you'd like to learn more about their efforts and what was

## Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

**April 14, 2020 (Tu), 1-2pm, Webinar: Non-timber forest products in the United States: access, production, markets, and market values.** [Webinar link here](#). Non-timber forest products (NTFPs) are derived from natural populations of plants or fungi, or farmed in forests. Although numerous and varied users harvest, trade, and consume NTFPs, relatively little is known about the organization of the markets for these products and the market value or contribution to local and regional economies. We will explore past research and gaps in current understanding related to the access, production, markets, and market values of NTFPs in the United States, including the continuum of production from wild-harvesting to forest farming of NTFPs. You can [join the webinar by clicking here](#).

## Webinars & Online Learning Available Now

**Project Learning Tree Free Family Activities** Nature is a great teacher! Try these activity ideas from Project Learning Tree to connect the children in your life to the outdoors and nature. You can [access these free activities by clicking here](#).

**Woodland Management: What is Right for You and Your Woodland?** Managing your woodlands to grow healthy forests and produce revenue depends on making the right choices for your location. This session will help woodland owners to understand how stand dynamics and market considerations are used in the application of management. You can [access the webinar by clicking here](#).

**Understanding the Financial Aspects of Woodland Management** Your woodlands are not just for enjoyment but can also be a source of revenue for you and your family. Financial decisions that you make today will have ramifications for your timber property for years to come. Learn more about what you need to know to make sound financial decisions. You can [access the webinar by clicking here](#).

**More than Timber: Income Opportunities from Non-timber Forest Products** While selling timber from your woodlands may be a great revenue source, it is not the only option for income. In this session learn more about the opportunities to generate income from your woodlands. You can [access the webinar by clicking here](#).

**Launching your Woodland Legacy: Intact, In Forest and In Family Ownership** The love of your land, your management ethic, your desire to see your property remain intact, in forest, and in family ownership – these are components of your woodland legacy. This session is designed to help you find the best way to pass this legacy intact to your heirs. You can [access the webinar by clicking here](#).

**Project Learning Tree Professional Development Programs** Both of these online PD programs are self-paced and you can stop and pick-up right where you left off (great for parents working from home!). The online courses contain videos, participant worksheets for self-reflection, and links to additional resources. Each PD program includes an electronic version of the guide, or you can purchase the printed version (shipment may be delayed).

- [PLT K-8 Online Professional Development](#) (4 hours): \$40 + \$24.99 for print guide (optional)
- [PLT Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood](#) (3 Hours): \$30 + 19.99 for print guide (optional)

**Project Learning Tree eUnits for Criteria III** Each eUnit will be yours forever (no renewal fee) and is completely housed online and tied to your email address. These are built on the same training platform as the activity guides, so again, you can start and stop the trainings at your will. The training for each is about 3 hours, and each costs \$40.

- [Treemendous Science \(K-2\)](#)
- [Energy & Ecosystems \(3-5\)](#)

- [Carbon & Climate \(6-8\)](#)

**ForestryWebinars.net** You can find more than 700 archived webinars on a variety of forestry topics. You can [access this resource by clicking here](#).

**eLearn: Urban Forestry** This online resource provides an interactive introduction to urban forest management. You can [access this course by clicking here](#).

**eFire** This interactive site allows you to choose your own eFIRE experience! Become virtually immersed in a prescribed burn, learn why and how burns are conducted, read the provided resources, and/or hear from the multiple types of people who use prescribed fire as a land management tool! You can [access this resource by clicking here](#).

**Introduction to Southeastern Prescribed Fire** This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental basics of prescribed burning in Southeastern forested ecosystems. You can [access this course by clicking here](#).

**Woodland Stewardship YouTube Channel** This channel features webinars and other forestry-related videos. You can [access the YouTube Channel by clicking here](#).

**Southern Fire Exchange YouTube Channel** The Southern Fire Exchange (SFE) is a regional program for fire science delivery in the Southeast, funded by the Joint Fire Science Program. You can [access the YouTube Channel by clicking here](#).

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