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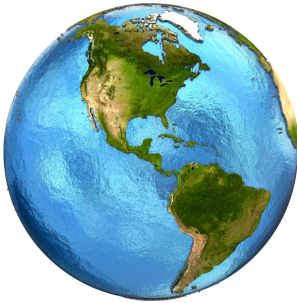
### Woodland Owner Notes eNewsletter

**April 2021**



#### Management Plans: A Planning Guide for Landowners

Check out our \*new\* [management plans publication](#) to get the most out of your woodlands! Managing woodlands to improve their benefits is a step-by-step process. This publication will help you understand the process and begin developing a sound management plan for your woodlands.



#### Earth Day 2021

Earth Day is a day about demonstrating support to protect our environment as well as showing our gratitude to our home. The 2021 Earth Day theme is "Restore our Earth". Join us in our efforts to restore our Earth through our social media campaign April 19-23, 2021. We're teaming up with the NC Forest Service, NC Forestry Association, NC Urban Forest Council, and NC Project Learning Tree to provide resources via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to support our environment and our forests.



#### Think Before You Burn in Spring Wildfire Season

"In North Carolina, March through May is historically recognized as spring wildfire season, a period when conditions are more favorable for wildfire. As residents begin working in their yards, the N.C. Forest Service urges them to think before burning yard debris." Read more about what you can do to prevent wildfires and protect your property on the [N.C. Forest Service's recent news release](#).



#### Forest Landowner Management Tips for April

Last year, we put together a few tips for landowners to consider during the month of April in the current pandemic. This year, these tips still ring true. From tax season to property management to hunting, get outside and follow these suggestions to connect with your land! Read our [Forest Landowner Management Tips for April](#) now!

#### Wet Weather Driving Southern Timber Prices Higher in the 1st Quarter of 2021



According to this [Forest 2 Market article](#), the 1st quarter of 2021 has seen spikes in timber demand and prices. Abnormally high rainfall in the south has also caused prices to surge. Researchers predict that due to the outlook of continued wet weather, these trends will continue in the near future. Read more to find out details about trends and prices in each southern region.

## Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

**April 8, 2021 (Th), 1- 2:30 PM ET, ForestHER NC: Hunting Leases, Land Posting & Trespassing Laws.** Join ForestHER NC landowners, natural resource professionals, and others for the first of three interactive webinars about protecting your woodlands! Presentations will cover trespassing, property boundaries, recreational(hunt) leases, Landowner Protection Act, and more. **Registration is required.** Get more details and stay up to date on the [ForestHER NC Facebook page](#).

**April 14, 2021 (W), 1-2 PM ET, Southern Regional Extension Forestry: Pine Decline in the Southeastern U.S.** Pine decline is a disease complex resulting from the interactions of both biotic and abiotic stressors. Dr. David Coyle (Clemson University) will provide a general overview of identification, impact, and management strategies for pine decline-related factors. Get more details and register on the [forestry webinar portal](#).

**April 16, 2021 (F), 9 AM - 3 PM ET, Project Learning Tree Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood Workshop.** Join other early childhood educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood activity guide. This in-person workshop will take place at the [NC Zoo](#) in Asheboro, NC. The workshop fee is \$20. Please register by [April 9, 2021](#). Register now and find further details on the [registration page](#). Send any questions to [Linda Kinney](#).

**April 19-23, 2021 (M-F), 12 AM - 1 PM ET, Improving the Quality of Urban Forests: Lunchtime series.** Sponsored by the Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources at the University of Georgia, this 5-part webinar series covers a holistic approach to urban forest quality and health. Topics covered include beneficial and pest insects, planting trees, water quality, invasive species, and environmental education. The series will be hosted every day at noon from April 19th to April 23, 2021. Get more information about each webinar and join on the [forestry webinar portal](#).

**April 29, 2021 (Th), 8 AM - 4 PM, Women's Chainsaw Safety Workshop.** This course will cover the basic elements of safe chainsaw operation and will take place at Hill Forest in Bahama, NC. Topics will include parts of a chainsaw, personal protective equipment-including parts, proper fit, and importance, chainsaw maintenance, and chainsaw use. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed. Get more details by taking a look at our [flier](#). Plan ahead and [register now](#)! Registration ends [April 20, 2021](#) as spaces are limited.

**April 29, 2021 (Th), 9:30-11 AM ET, NC Trees & Storms: Readiness, Response, & Recovery.** The NC Urban Forest Council is excited to be working with the NC Forest Service's Urban & Community Forestry Program (U&CF) to introduce their new program effort on trees and storms. NC is no stranger to hurricanes and other storm events that impact our lives and damage our trees. This webinar will provide NC communities and arborists with an overview of the 3Rs urban forest storm plan development process; readiness, response, and recovery. It is important for your community to have a plan in place to ensure your community is ready, your response is safe and effective and your recovery will conserve your urban forest resource moving forward. Get more details and register for this free webinar on the [NC Urban Forest Council website](#).

**May 17-20, 2021 (M-Th), Certified Burner Training.** The NC Forest Service's next Certified Burner course is planned for May 17-20. Due to public health concerns, the class will be delivered both virtually and in small field groups. Topics to be covered include NC's Prescribed Burn Act, weather, fuels, topography, fire danger rating, managing smoke, firing techniques, and burn plans. Registration opens [April 5, 2021](#)! Sign up quickly as

seats are limited! Find out more on the [NC Forest Service website](#).

**May 20, 2021 (Th), 8:30 AM-7 PM & May 21, 2021 (F), 8:30 AM-12 PM, The Woman Landowner Symposium: Enlightened Ownership.** This symposium is a biannual national-level event hosted and organized by Land & Ladies along with the UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. This event's purpose is to empower women with the confidence to take hold of their land ownership as well as creating an atmosphere for women to connect with one another. The 1.5-day event is comprised of natural resource expert general sessions, breakout workshop opportunities, and a social reception. Attend in-person or virtually! In-person attendance is limited subject to the most updated CDC guidelines. Get more important details, meet the speakers, and register in advance on the [Land & Ladies event page](#)!

## Webinars & Online Learning

**Forestry Webinars on Demand** Webinars are a great opportunity to learn about different forestry topics from experts in the field, and we have collaborated with professionals from a variety of backgrounds, including forestry, economics, law, and more to bring you relevant topics at home.

**ForestryWebinars.net** You can find more than 700 archived webinars on a variety of forestry topics.

**NC Tree Farm Program Online Learning** Learn about a variety of forestry topics through webinars, videos, and online courses.

**eLearn: Urban Forestry** This online resource provides an interactive introduction to urban forest management.

**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!

**Introduction to Southeastern Prescribed Fire** This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental basics of prescribed burning in Southeastern forested ecosystems.

**Woodland Stewardship YouTube Channel** This channel features webinars and other forestry-related videos.

**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.

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