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## Woodland Owner Notes eNewsletter

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### Woodland Stewardship Course This Fall



Landowners have an opportunity to learn about forestry and woodland stewardship via a distance education course from the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources at NC State University. The course, Woodland Stewardship, is designed for those who do not have a degree in forestry and provides an introduction and overview of non-industrial private forestry. For more details on the course visit [Extension Forestry online](#), and feel free to reach out to the course instructors, [Dr. Robert Bardon](#) or [Dr. Dennis Hazel](#).

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### Working with Wildlife Guides

Our Working with Wildlife management guides have recently been updated, with a new digital format and enhanced photos. These guides are designed to promote multiple resource management strategies on private lands. You can find all 24 articles [here](#), and [reach out to us](#) if you have questions.

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### Managing Longleaf Pine Straw

Longleaf pine trees deposit an annual blanket of needles, often called pine straw, on the forest floor. Many forest owners do not realize that it is possible to sell this straw. But in fact, wise management of this resource can substantially increase an owner's income from forestland. Retail sales of North Carolina longleaf pine straw in 2016 were estimated to exceed \$34.8 million annually. This volume could easily be doubled or tripled if owners were more aware of this opportunity. You can find the [full article here](#).

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### ForestHer Workshops

Women landowners and natural resource professionals interested in learning more about management and conservation of private lands are invited to attend one of three ForestHer NC workshops, which will be held in 3 locations across the state in August.



The workshops will run from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and cost \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required. You can find more information about each of these workshops on [our website](#), on [Facebook](#), and in our upcoming events section below. These workshops are part of a larger series of workshops, so stay tuned for more information!

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# Oak Issues in Southeastern NC



Recently, Extension agents and specialists have been receiving calls from folks in southeastern NC regarding oak trees dying or declining. Most of the callers indicate that the tree's leaves turn brown and begin to fall off within a few weeks. So, what may be the leading cause of the decline and or death of the oak trees in the region? Find the answer in [this article](#) and reach out to [our staff](#) or your local Extension agent for more information.

## Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

**August 8, 2019 (Thu), 9:30am-3pm, ForestHer Workshop.** Location: Chatham County Agricultural & Conference Center, Pittsboro, NC. Women landowners and natural resource professionals interested in learning about private land management and conservation are invited to attend a workshop on "Getting to Know Your Land." These workshops are the first in a series of six quarterly events. Visit the [NC Tree Farm Program website](#) for more information and [click here to register](#). While these workshops are designed for women, all are welcome to attend.

**August 9, 2019 (Fri), 9am-4pm, Focus on Forests: PLT K-12 Workshop.** Location: Holmes Educational State Forest, 1299 Crab Creek Rd, Hendersonville, NC. Join other classroom and nonformal educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree K-8 Curriculum Guide, as well as the secondary module, Focus on Forests. Registration is \$20 and is required by August 2nd. Click here for [more information](#), and click here [to register](#).

**August 12, 2019 (Mon), 9am-3:30pm, Project Learning Tree: Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood.** Location: Durant Nature Preserve, 8305 Camp Durant Rd, Raleigh, NC. Join other K-8 classroom and nonformal educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree K-8 Curriculum Guide. Every participant will leave the workshop with the PLT K-8 Activity Guide, the workshop fee is \$20, [click here to register](#) by August 5th. Questions? Contact [Renee Strnad](#).

**August 14-15, 2019 (Wed-Thu), 2019 NC Prescribed Fire Council Annual Meeting.** Location: Swansboro Rotary Civic Center, Swansboro, NC. The 2019 annual meeting is sure to be a hit and part of the fun includes door prizes and a silent auction, as well as poster presentations and updates from a number of agencies. [Click here for an agenda](#) and [click here for more information about the event](#).

**August 19, 2019 (Mon), 9am-3:30pm, Project Learning Tree: Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood.** Location: Belmont Abbey College - Sacred Heart Campus Belmont, NC. Join other K-8 classroom and nonformal educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree K-8 Curriculum Guide. Every participant will leave the workshop with the PLT K-8 Activity Guide, the workshop fee is \$20, [click here to register](#) by August 12th. Questions? Contact [Renee Strnad](#).

**August 22, 2019 (Thu), 9:30am-3pm, ForestHer Workshop.** Location: Lenoir County Extension Office, Kingston, NC. Women landowners and natural resource professionals interested in learning about private land management and conservation are invited to attend a workshop on "Getting to Know Your Land." These workshops are the first in a series of six quarterly events. Visit the [NC Tree Farm Program website](#) for more information and [click here to register](#). While these workshops are designed for women, all are welcome to attend.

**August 29, 2019 (Thu), 9:30am-3pm, ForestHer Workshop.** Location: Burke County Extension Center, Morganton, NC. Women landowners and natural resource professionals interested in learning about private land management and conservation are invited to attend a workshop on "Getting to Know Your Land." These workshops are the first in a series of six quarterly events. Visit the [NC Tree Farm Program website](#) for more information and [click here to register](#). While these workshops are designed for women, all

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