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Forest Landowner Management Tips for May

Before the temperature begins to get too hot, buggy, and snaky for most folks to get out in the woods, landowners should think about a few “chores” and projects to accomplish on their forest land during the month of May. Read more of these tips by [clicking here for the full article](#).



Photo: USFS

Recent Research on the Restoration of Southern Pine Ecosystems

Over time we've seen southern pine ecosystems decline across the landscape. Currently, the USDA Forest Service has partnered with the Longleaf Alliance, the Shortleaf Pine Initiative and others to develop strategies to restore the native pines before they are gone for good. To learn more about these efforts and recent research, take a look at this article published by the US Forest Service, [which can be found by clicking here](#).



Photo: Project Learning Tree

Online Forestry Educational Resources

The North Carolina Forestry Association has put together an online hub for forestry educational resources, available for free! This free resource is open to all, and includes a variety of activities and tools to keep the learning going at home. If you have something to contribute, you can contact [Amy Juliana](#). This resource can be found by [clicking here](#). If you're interested in more resources, see the list below.



Tools for Quickly Adapting During Pandemics, Disasters, and Other Unique Events

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic we've all had to adjust and adapt. Our team, along with Southern Regional Extension Forestry, has put together this article highlighting solutions and tools that we've used during this time. These tools can be used in the current situation and for future pandemics, disasters, and other unique events that require "alternative" arrangements. [Check out the full article here](#).

Forest2Market's Industry Experts Round



table on COVID-19 Impacts

Forest2Market released a video of industry experts discussing how the current COVID-19 global crisis is impacting the forest industry. The goal is to spark conversation, questions and possible answers to help forest industry members handle this difficult time. You can watch the [round table by clicking here](#), and you can explore other blog posts from [Forest2Market by clicking here](#).

Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

May 7, 2020 (Th), 12-1pm, Webinar - Conserving Wildlife Through Forest Management. [Webinar link here](#). Forest covers over 60% of North Carolina's land base, and these forests provide habitat for a range of wildlife, including deer, turkey, and songbirds. However, many of the forests are not managed to maximize the number and diversity of wildlife present. Based on decades of experience as a hunter, birdwatcher, researcher, and teacher, Dr. Moorman will describe key strategies to manage forest to best conserve focal wildlife. For more information, [visit our events page](#).

May 21, 2020 (Th), 1-2pm, Webinar - Heirs Property: Standing on a lot of Love. [Webinar link here](#). Family land ownership has always been a significant source of intergenerational wealth across the country. For land trusts, protecting family owned land in their service areas has many conservation and related benefits. Still, family property owned as heirs property, i.e. with multiple owners, outwardly presents obstacles for conservation. Through this session, participants will gain an understanding of the legal structure of heirs property, the values around this ownership model and opportunities for engagement with heirs property owners that support natural resource conservation and community. For more information, [visit our events page](#).

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.

- **Tremendous 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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