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## Prescribed Fire Recognition Sign



If you are a landowner that actively manages your property with prescribed fire, find out if you are eligible to receive this prescribed fire recognition sign from the N.C. Forest Service. The requirements are: have an FM Plan written within the last 10 years by approved entities, at least 2 prescribed fires conducted in the stands addressed in the management plan within the last 10 years, and burns conducted in accordance with the NC Prescribed Burn Act. Contact your local **NCFS county ranger's office** to see if you are eligible and to get more details.

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## Wildland Fire and Climate Change Impacts in the Southern United States



Climate change leads to drought, rising temperatures, shifts in climate patterns, and more which all contribute to the rising occurrences and destructive characteristics of wildfires. Take a look at this **recent fact sheet** from Southern Fire Exchange that provides an overview of expected climatic changes relevant to wildland fire management in the South and the resulting projected changes to fire regimes.

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## The Forest Development Program



Get to know the Forest Development Program. The Forest Development Program is a reforestation, afforestation and forest stand improvement cost-sharing program run by the NC Forest Service. The Base Fund and Mountain Fund enrollment is open and will close on Friday, May 28th, 2021. Plant Only Fund enrollment period will begin on September 1st, 2021 and will close on October 29th, 2021. Find out more about this program on the **NC Forest Service website**.

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## Tax Deadline Extended: Timberland Tax Tips



The federal and state income tax filing due date for the 2020 tax year has been extended to May 17, 2021. Find out more about this extension on the **IRS website**. Check out the **North Carolina Tree Farm Program's page on taxes** full of great information for your last-minute timberland tax filings. Also, remember to utilize **our Economics & Taxes page**.

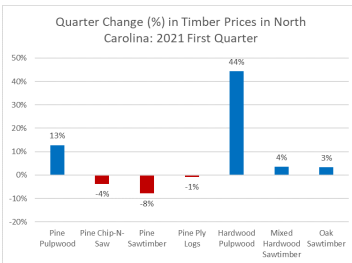
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## Asian Longhorned Beetle Factsheet



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The Asian longhorned beetle is a dangerous wood-boring invasive pest that can cause devastating loss. The Asian longhorned beetle has not been detected in North Carolina but has recently been found in our neighboring states. Read our [new factsheet](#) to learn more about this pest including how to identify it and its symptoms. If you see signs, report them immediately so that proper treatment can be done to prevent its spread.



## Despite Record High Lumber Prices, Pine Sawtimber Prices in North Carolina Dropped in the First Quarter, 2021

Amid the looming COVID-19 global Pandemic, both housing and lumber markets continued to surge in the first quarter of 2021. However, in the first quarter of 2021, while both pine and hardwood pulpwood prices rose considerably, pine sawtimber and chip-n-saw stumpage prices were down in North Carolina. Find out more about the trends and prices of the 1st quarter in [our recent economics blurb](#).

## Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

**May 3, 2021-May 21, 2021, Longleaf Foundations: Virtual Longleaf Academy.** Longleaf Foundations is a condensed version of Longleaf 101 designed for those that would like to begin building a solid foundation of longleaf knowledge. Expert instruction will be provided by staff from The Longleaf Alliance and guest partners through a combination of on-demand and live learning, as well as interactive exercises. Live sessions are on May 11th and 13th from 10 AM ET to 11:30 AM ET. Registration is \$75. Sign up and get more details on [the Longleaf Alliance website](#).

**May 5, 2021 (W), 12-1 PM ET, Emerald Ash Borer: Where Do We Stand?** Join Southern Regional Extension Forestry for this webinar on the invasive insect, the Emerald Ash Borer that is killing ash trees in North America. Our Dr. Kelly Oten will provide a general overview of identification, impact, and management strategies for EAB in the southeastern U.S. Advanced registration is not available so mark your calendars. Find out more about this webinar on the [Forestry Webinar Portal](#).

**May 5, 2021-May 26, 2021 (W), 12:30-2 PM ET, Women on the Land Spring Webinar Series.** Join Women Owning Woodlands every Wednesday in May for four webinars based on "[Women on the Land: A Landowner's Guide to Stewarding her Woodlands](#)". Hear women landowners and forestry professionals from across the Northeast, mid-Atlantic, and Great Lakes regions address topics on forest dynamics and stewardship. Each session is interactive and will offer opportunities to connect with fellow women woodland owners and enthusiasts. Get more information and register with the [Forest Stewards Guild](#).

**May 13, 2021 (Th), 1-2:30 PM ET, ForestHerNC: Non-Timber Income & Agritourism.** Join ForestHER NC landowners, natural resource professionals, and others for the second of four interactive webinars about protecting your woodlands! This webinar will focus on forest farming botanicals, generating revenue from pine straw, and agritourism. Get more details and register and advance on the [ForestHER NC registration page](#).

**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 closed on [April 7, 2021](#). 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!](#)

**May 20, 2021 (Th) - May 21, 2021 (F), Laurel Wilt Workshop: Disease Biology, Diagnosis, and Management.** This workshop takes place at the University of Tennessee. Discussion on May 20th will focus on talks and hands-on modules. May 21st is a field trip visit to Laurel-Wilt positive sites. This workshop is free. Find out if you can benefit from this workshop with [this flyer](#). [Register in advance](#) as seats are limited.

**June 4, 2021 (F), 9 AM-12:30 PM, Faircloth Farm Tour.** Plan ahead for a field tour of the Faircloth Farms in Sampson County. Topics discussed will include stream and ditch fencing (limited livestock access), grazing switchgrass, rotational grazing and herd management, silvopasture, and timber management. To register, please call Benjy Strope at (910) 874-5562 or email [benjy.strope@ncwildlife.org](mailto:benjy.strope@ncwildlife.org). Take a look at [the flyer](#) for meeting information and more.

**June 10, 2021 (Th), 1-2:30 PM ET, ForestHerNC: Forest Certification & Cost-share Program.** Plan ahead and join ForestHER NC landowners, natural resource professionals, and others for another great interactive webinar about protecting your woodlands! Get more details and stay up to date on the [ForestHerNC Facebook page](#).

**June 23, 2021 (W), 1-3 PM ET, Sustainable Land Retention Webinar - Taking Action to Manage Your Land.** Join woodland owners in learning how to develop a woodland management plan and implement that plan to achieve one's objectives. Presenters will provide insight into management planning, resources available to facilitate on-the-ground action in implementing a management plan, and things to consider in managing for the future. Get more details and register in advance on the [registration 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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