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Resources for Storm Damage Recovery for Forest Landowners

Hurricane Florence caused over \$70 million in significant damage to forest and timber land through wind and flooding. If you did suffer timber damage during the recent storm the first place to start is to contact your [consulting forester](#) or the [N.C. Forest Service County Ranger](#). However, keep in mind that these folks may be very busy or assisting with clean up. Be patient, the later the damage occurs in the season, the more time you have to salvage the timber. If you are looking for information to assist with assessing the damage and other storm related topics visit Extension Forestry online resources for [Storm Damage Recovery for Forest Landowners](#).



Avoiding Timber Theft or Encroachment

Loss of trees and timber value can take place anytime. For example, if there are any logging operations in the area, landowners should walk the line with the adjacent landowner and/or logger to prevent property line misunderstandings. They should inspect the property during, and several days after, the neighbor's harvest looking for signs of illegal access or cut trees. The fact that the property is being watched may help prevent harvesting mistakes or timber theft. [Read more here.](#)



New Financial Assistance Sources for Northeastern NC Forest Landowners

In October, two new financial assistance options for forest landowners in northeastern North Carolina were announced by the Roanoke Center's Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project (SFLRP).

1. Funding ([Hurry deadline November 2nd!](#)) for EQIP and RCPP cost-share programs to implement practices such as tree and shrub establishment and prescribed burning in Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Halifax, and Hertford counties.
2. To assist the region's many forest landowners who don't have current forest management plans, the SFLRP is offering up to \$1,000 per landowner to aid in management plan development.

To learn more, [print the information.](#)



The latest on accounting for storm and wildfire financial losses on forestland can be found in the revised article posted on TimberTax.org website. The publication is called, "[Income Tax Deduction on Timber and Landscape Tree Loss from Casualty](#)." The author is Dr. Linda Wang, the USFS timbers taxes expert we count on for the annual Tax Tips document (being updated for 2018 and coming soon). The article includes easy to understand examples of the calculations and the IRS rules. [Read more...](#)



One Landowners Story of NC Mountains Conservation

For some woodland owners, a conservation easement and/or relationship with a land trust makes sense. The Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy recently shared a story written by forest landowners protecting Elf Fork. Whether you see yourself in this story or not, it is fun reading about this family who made the big leap to acquire forestland in Yancey County, NC - with a little help! Here are some links to learn more about [land trusts in North Carolina](#) and the use of [conservation easements](#) as a way to keep forests as forests.

Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

November 2, 2018 (Fr), 8am to 12:30pm - [Vance County Forestry Workshop/Field Day](#) at the Vance County Regional Farmers Market. A light breakfast and snacks will be provided. This is a free event, but registration is required. To do so, [register online](#) or call 252-438-8188 or 919-603-1350.

November 5-8, 2018 (Mo-Th), NC Sustainable Trail Design and Layout, Construction and Maintenance at the Rockingham Community College, Wentworth, NC. For details, call Fonna Terry at 336-342-4261 ext 2011 and ask for information on course code ENV-7003-02, Section Number 45266. Additional courses to be offered in December too.

November 6, 2018 (Tu), 6pm to 8:30pm - Johnston County [2018 Forest Landowner Meeting](#) at the Johnston County Ag Center in Smithfield, NC. Please call 919-989-5380 to register, a sponsored dinner is provided.

November 8, 2018 (Th), 8:5am to 4pm - Wilson County Ag Center, 1806 SW Goldsboro St., Wilson, NC 27893. This is a free event but space is limited to 25 people. Advanced registration required by November 7, 2018. Call 252-237-0111 or [click here](#) to fill out the registration form.

November 10, 2018 (Sa), 10am to Noon - Hoke County Fall Forestry Tour in Lumbar Bridge, NC. [Click here to view full details and print the flyer](#). Questions: call Jesse Wimberly at 910-603-1052.

November 17, 2018 (Sa), 10am to Noon - Cumberland County Fall Forestry Tour in Fayetteville, NC. [Click here to view full details and print the flyer](#). Questions: call Jesse Wimberly at 910-603-1052.

January 15, 2019 (Tu), 6pm to 8:30pm - Cashie Convention Center, 118 County Farm Rd., Windsor, NC in Bertie County, NC. To attend, contact Billy Barrow at Bertie County CES, 252-794-5317.

January 17, 2019 (Th), Save the Date! - Franklin County Forestry Meeting. Details coming soon.

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