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Woodland Owner Notes eNewsletter

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Welcome to the team Dr. Kelly Oten!

Join us in welcoming Dr. Kelly Oten to our team! Dr. Kelly is an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in Forest Health and joined on August 10th. She comes to us from the NC Forest Service, where she worked with the Forest Health Monitoring program since 2012.

Kelly's office will be on the 4th floor with the extension group in Jordan Addition. You can reach her by phone (919-515-5573) or [email](#)! Please welcome her to the CNR family!



Rural Forest Markets Act

The bipartisan Rural Forests Markets Act was recently introduced by U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and Mike Braun (R-Ind.). This act will establish an investment program that will offer a federal loan guarantee up to \$150 million to cover upfront costs for developing small-scale forest carbon projects.

For more information on the introduced act, [explore the fact sheet](#) from U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.



ForestHer NC Fall Wildlife Webinars

ForestHer NC workshops are back, this time as webinars! This fall there are four workshops planned, with the first coming up on September 10 that will focus on identifying birds and you can find more details in the events section below.

The other three workshops are planned for October 8 focusing on invasives and native landscaping, and November 12 and December 10, both focusing on wildlife management.

Stay up to date and connected with the ForestHer NC community with [their Facebook page](#).

How Much Timber Does the US Harvest, and How is it Used?

Some people think that timber is only valuable when it's harvested, but it's so much more than that. As a forest landowner, you always want to make sure you are getting the most out of your trees, both economically and environmentally. This article from Forest2Market, using recent data from US Forest Service's Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program



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explores how much timber is harvested in the US as well as what it's used for. You can [explore the details on the Forest2Market site](#).

Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

September 10, 2020 (Th), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, ForestHer NC Wildlife Webinar: Identifying Birds by Sight and Sound. Join ForestHer landowners, natural resource professionals, and others for the first of four interactive webinars about managing for wildlife! This first installment will feature a quick background on the ForestHer NC program followed by a presentation on bird identification from Aimee Tomcho, Conservation Biologist with Audubon North Carolina. There will be time for questions, as well as an optional, informal time to have more in-depth discussions about birds and other land management topics following the webinar. [You can register for the event through this form.](#)

September 16, 2020 (W), 12-1 p.m. ET, Woodland Owner Lunch and Learn Webinar- Seedling Genetics and Soil Fertility - know what you are planting and how to care for it. [Webinar link here.](#) During each rotation of a planted forest, landowners have a single opportunity to choose the appropriate genetics for their long-term investment. We encourage forest landowners to plant the best genetic quality seedlings possible. [Learn more about the webinar on our event page.](#)

October 6, 2020 (Tues), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, Women's Virtual Lunch and Learn: Defining Your Forest Management Objectives. This will be an opportunity for women to ask questions of women professionals with a variety of backgrounds about setting and achieving land management objectives. There will be some brief pre-work on different forest management objectives, and then we will have a moderated panel discussion with the questions asked by participants. Registration coming soon!

October 8, 2020 (Th), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, ForestHer NC Wildlife Webinars: Invasives and Native Landscaping. This will be the second webinar in the fall series being offered by ForestHer NC, with more details to come in the near future. Stay up to date and connected with the ForestHer NC community with [their Facebook 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 Owner 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. [You can access the list of webinars 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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