

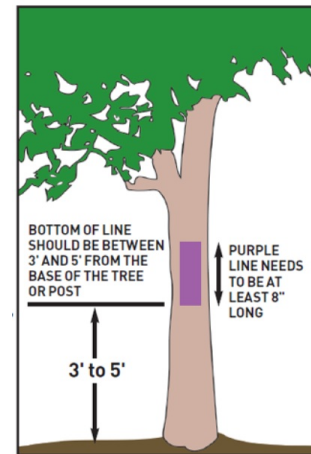
Woodland Owner Notes E-news

Protecting your Forestland Asset

North Carolina Landowner Protection Act

The NC Landowner Protection Act (passed in 2011), does not change general trespass laws nor have any effect on lands which are not posted; the Landowner Protection Act addresses existing trespass law on private property by strengthen and clarifying these elements:

1. Defines the requirements for written permission to hunt, fish, or trap on posted lands such that:
 - the written permission must be dated within the last twelve (12) months;
 - be signed by the landowner, lessee, or agent of that land; and,
 - the written consent must be carried in-person while onsite, and provided upon request of any law enforcement officer.
2. Allows wildlife officers to enforce trespass laws onsite.
3. Allows landowners to post land using purple paint marks and/or by posting no-trespassing signs as currently allowed.



For more information on how to post purple paint marks on private lands including how to obtain a Landowner Protection Act FAQ and samples of permission letters, please visit: www.ncwildlife.org/Hunting/Laws-Safety#609180-landowner-protection-act

2017 Tax Tips for Forest Landowners

by Dr. Linda Wang, National Timber Tax Specialist, U.S. Forest Service

Each year the U.S. Forest Service publishes a 2-page fact sheet for private forest landowners. The [Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2017 Tax Year](#) is available to print for yourself (2 pages).

The U.S. Congress passed the new tax law in September 2017 which provides relief to the taxpayers who are affected by Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria this past fall. This link to this refers specifically to that information: [Income Tax Deduction on Timber and Landscape Trees Loss from Casualty](#).

A free webinar is available to anyone interested in hearing about 2017 tax filing for timberland on March 2, 2018. Visit www.forestrywebinars.net to attend.

Other useful documents and links to help forest landowners with their taxes can be found at the [National Timber Tax website, https://timbertax.org](http://timbertax.org).



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Addressing the Risk to Ash Trees in our Communities and Woodlands

Emerald ash borer is a tree-killing beetle that has been found in a third of North Carolina counties.

Woodland owners can help protect forestland by [learn about emerald ash borer \(EAB\)](#) in order to detect and report its presence. Cutting down dead and dying ash trees and chipping, burning, or burying the wood on the site, in accordance with all local regulations, can reduce the chance of other trees being attacked. The NCDA&CS has issued a statewide quarantine to prevent the human-facilitated movement of EAB to new areas such as through transporting firewood.

Municipalities wishing to receive financial assistance in the treatment of individual and ornamental plantings of ash trees should read the [Ash Protection Program guidelines](#) and submit application materials by February 15, 2018. Direct questions to Kelly Oten, N.C. Forest Service, Forest Health Monitoring Coordinator at kelly.oten@ncagr.gov.

Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

February 15, 2018 (Th) - 6:00 PM - Northampton County Annual Forestry Meeting, Jackson, NC. Registration required by calling 252-534-2711.

March 1, 2018 (Th) - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Free webinar on "Native Vegetation Investments Pay Conservation Dividends" featuring Jef Hodges, National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative grassland coordinator. [Register and watch from your computer.](#)

March 2, 2018 (Fr) 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Free webinar on "Timber Tax Filing for 2017" featuring tax expert Linda Wang. [Click here and watch from your computer.](#)

June 9-12, 2018 (Sa-Tu) - [2018 National Convention of the Association of Consulting Foresters](#) - Asheville, NC. For more details, director@acf-foresters.org

June 26, 2018 (Tu) - [2018 National Conference of Private Forest Landowners](#) - Greensboro, GA.

October 24-26, 2018 (We-Fr) - The Longleaf Alliance Biennial Conference - Holiday Inn, Alexandria, LA. Details coming soon.

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