

Woodland Owner Notes E-news



Setting a strip backfire on a mid-slope position. James H. Miller, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org

Fall is Prescribed Burning Season in the Southeast U.S.

Whether you are experienced in prescribed fire or heading into your first controlled burn, planning is critical.

Nearly half of North Carolina's forest land is considered to be historically fire-dependent habitat. Forest landowners in these areas may wish to use prescribed burning in loblolly, shortleaf, longleaf and pond pine stands as a way of limiting competing hardwood species and under brush, decreasing risk/severity of potential wildfire, or in preparation for reforestation after harvest. The North Carolina General Assembly recognized the importance of prescribed fire with the passage of the [N.C. Prescribed Burning Act \(GS 106-80\)](#) in 1999 with essential updates to the legislation as recently as 2013. Prescribed burning must be done under the close supervision of professionals who are Certified Burner professionals as outlined in [Section .0900](#) of the legislation described above. There are many considerations including safety and wildfire risk, proper [burn permits](#) and authorization, cost to the landowner, effectiveness of the fire to achieve landowner objectives, notification to surrounding residents, N.C. Smoke Management Guidelines, weather and seasonality, and choice of prescribed burn techniques and strategies.

Some useful reading and websites

[Prescribed Fire: A Forest Management Tool](#) - webpage with quick introduction to prescribed burning which includes a short video

[North Carolina Prescribed Fire Council](#) - the organization's a mission to foster cooperation among all parties in North Carolina with an interest or stake in prescribed fire. Or print a copy of the summary pamphlet, [What North Carolina Citizens Need to Know](#)

[Fire Weather Intelligence Portal](#) - see all of the state's current and forecast conditions for fire, or zoom in on a specific area.

[Southeast Prescribed Fire Facebook](#) site - A Facebook site managed by Jennifer Fawcett, NC State University, SERPPAS prescribed fire

[Tailoring Prescribed Fire for the Private Landowner](#) - Produced by the Southern Research Station and especially useful for Longleaf pine stands.

[Southeast Prescribed Fire Update](#) - The NC State University's prescribed fire information website managed by Jennifer Fawcett, SERPPAS Prescribed Fire Workgroup Coordinator

NRCS Cost Share Application Deadline November 17th

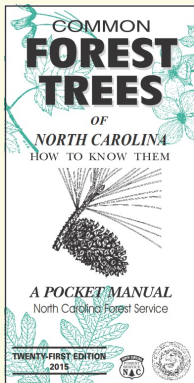
Attention: those interested in receiving longleaf management cost share for 2018 need to apply before November 17, 2017.

Please get in touch with your NRCS District Conservationist. Please see the list below with contact names and locations in the counties with greatest longleaf acres. If your county is not listed, [use this link](#) to search for the contact information for your county.

- Harnett County - Darryl Harrington, District Conservationist.
126 Alexander Drive Suite 200, Lillington, NC (910) 893-7584 (Ext. 3). Email: darryl.harrington@nc.usda.gov
- Moore County - Kevin Williams, District Conservationist.
707 Pinehurst Ave., Carthage, NC (910) 947-5183.
Email: kevin.williams@nc.usda.gov
- Scotland County - Jack Lee, District Conservationist.
507 W Covington St., Laurinburg, NC 28352 (910) 277-2433.
Email: jack.lee@nc.usda.gov
- Richmond County - Jack Lee, District Conservationist.
Rockingham Service Center 123 Caroline St., Rockingham, NC 28379 (910) 895-3950. Email: jack.lee@nc.usda.gov
- Cumberland County - Renessa Brown, District Conservationist.
Fayetteville Service Center 301 E Mountain Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28306 (910) 484-8479 ext 3. Email: Renessa.brown@nc.usda.gov
- Hoke County - Renessa Brown, District Conservationist.
Raeford Program Delivery Point 122 W Elwood Ave., Raeford, NC 28376 (910) 875-8111 ext 2. Email: Renessa.brown@nc.usda.gov

Noteworthy Forestry Publications

Available to download, print and share - just click the title and read on.

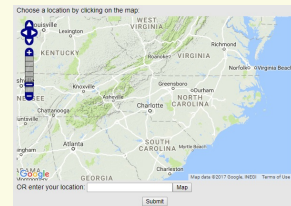


Common Forest Trees of North Carolina

The twenty-first edition of this popular book was revised in recognition of the 100-year anniversary of the NC Forest Service in 2015. This paperback book contains over 100 pages of excellent illustrations and descriptions of trees found throughout forests of North Carolina. The soft-bound construction, readable format, and pocket size make it useful in the field or the classroom. Download a free [PDF version](#) or purchase individual copies for \$1 each by contacting the NC Forest Service Central Office in Raleigh, NC at 919-857-4801.

A Forestry Climate Tool from the State Climate Office of North Carolina

Did you know you could click a location on a map anywhere in North Carolina and see the key measures of temperature and precipitation needed for forest regeneration? This is a free resource for anyone thinking about forest management operations including prescribed burning where humidity is a factor to success; or extreme temperatures which can influence planting or natural regeneration. [Try it Out Here.](#) [Read more here.](#)



Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2017 (Tu-Th), [Bottomland & Swamp Forest Symposium](#), Wilmington,

NC

This is a 1-1/2 day symposium plus full day field tour for those interested in managing forestland in swamp and bottomland areas of the Southeastern USA. Sponsored by NC Forest Service.

November 1, 2017 (We) 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Franklin County Forestry Meeting and Tour, Franklin County Extension Center Annex, 103 S Bickett Blvd., Louisburg, NC. \$10 fee to attend.

November 5, 2017 (Su) - CLOSING DAY at the [Cradle of Forestry](#), Pisgah National Forest.

November 6, 2017 (M) 6:00 PM to 8:45 PM. Johnston County Forestry Meeting -2736 NC 210 Hwy Smithfield, NC. The meeting will start at 6:00 with a sponsored meal. Please register by Friday, November 3rd, 2017. Please call 919-989-5380 to register.

November 9, 2017 (Th) - Longleaf Pine Resources for Private Landowners, Cumberland County Extension Office, Fayetteville, NC. Free event but pre-registration is required, Contact Jesse Winberley at 910-603-1052 or jesse@sandhillslandtrust.org

November 14, 2017 (Tu) 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Forest Land Transition Planning Workshop, Northampton County Center, N.C. Cooperative Extension, 9495 N.C. Highway 305, Jackson, NC 27845. Registration Fee: \$20. Register by November 8 [OnLine HERE](#).

November 16, 2017 (Th) 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Hoke County Forestry Meeting, 116 Prospect Ave. Raeford, NC 28376. Learn about present use value, pinestraw nutrient management and forest management planning and controlled burning. Contact Colby Lambert for details, colby_lambert@ncsu.edu

November 16, 2017 (Th), 2 to 5 p.m. Forest Land Transition Planning Workshop, Duplin County Center, N.C. Cooperative Extension, 165 Agriculture Drive, Kenansville, NC 28349. Registration Fee: \$20. Register by November 8 [OnLine HERE](#).

November 17, 2017 (Fr), 2 to 5 p.m. Forest Land Transition Planning Workshop, Statesville Civic Center, 300 South Center Street, Statesville, NC 28677. Registration Fee: \$20. Register by November 8 [OnLine HERE](#).

Looking Ahead - Please save the date!

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.

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