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The Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program Presents:



ON-LINE WOODLAND OPTIONS FOR LANDOWNERS March 10 - May 31, 2008



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What:

Woodland Options for Landowners Short Course

Where:

On-line, in the comfort of your own home

When:

Twelve-week self-paced course begins Monday, March 10, 2008, ends May 30, 2008.

Registration:

Begins on-line January 21st, 2008 at:
www.cnr.vt.edu/forestupdate Cost: \$70

Computer Requirements:

Participants will need a computer, web browser (e.g., Netscape or Explorer), internet service provider (ISP), and e-mail account. Access to a printer is desirable. In addition, participants should download the most current versions of Adobe Acrobat Reader (version 5.0 or newer) and RealOne™ (look for the free version link), both available free over the internet.

Materials:

All students will receive 2 books, **Common Forest Trees of Virginia: How to Know Them**, and **Forest Sustainability: The History, the Challenge, the Promise**, and **A Virtual Tour of the Forest DVD**, as well as all the on-line reading materials and assignments.

No additional text, materials or costs are required to complete the basic requirements; optional advanced assignments, which you are strongly encouraged to complete, require a dendrology field guide, digital camera, compass with adjustable declination setting, topographic quadrangle map, aerial photograph and soil survey (ordering information for all these supplies will be available in the Announcements section of the course).

Who Should Take this Course:

Private forest landowners of any acreage; this course is not intended for forest landowners who have substantial experience working alone or with natural resource professionals in the management of their forests. However, veteran landowners are welcome to enroll and may take the course as a refresher on basic forest management. Additionally, teachers, local leaders, and interested citizens are welcome to join.

Why:

To gain an introductory level understanding of basic forest management principles and techniques and to use this understanding to become better land stewards.

Topics Covered Include:

- * Setting management goals and objectives
- * Writing a management plan
- * Using aerial photos, topographic maps and soil surveys
- * Determining boundary lines
- * Forest ecology and management
- * Working with natural resource professionals

Additionally, a group of mentors, consisting of natural resource professionals and experienced landowners, will interact with students weekly via discussion boards. Students can share experiences and questions with the class.

An optional end of semester field trip may be developed depending on class size, location of students, and interest.