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Cornell Launches Forestry Education Internet Seminars for Landowners

ITHACA, NY-- Cornell University is launching an on-line forestry seminar series to woodlot and forest owners. The nation's first direct and interactive link to experts on private forest land issues will be broadcast May 16 on the topic, "Key Forestry Concepts and Principles." Landowners are encouraged to sign up for the innovative series at www.ForestConnect.info.

"We want to provide unbiased and research-based information on forests and woodlot management directly and instantly to forest owners and others who are often too busy to attend workshops and forest tours," said Peter Smallidge, state extension forester in Cornell's department of natural resources.

The ForestConnect 2007 Forestry Internet Seminar Series will provide interactive seminars via the web that teach participants strategies about enjoying and utilizing their property. The one-hour monthly seminars, which are being offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension, will cover a single, timely topic and allow for questions and answers with the presenter.

Forest owners and enthusiasts with a broad variety of interests will be served by this initiative. The seminar on May 16, "Key Forestry Concepts and Principles," will be presented by Dr. Smallidge. Additional future topics may include: Invasive Forest Insects, Arranging a Timber Sale, Managing Weeds in Your Forest, Working with Foresters, Vernal Pool Ecology and Management, Thinning Trees in Your Forest, Water Quality during Forest Harvesting, Regenerating Hardwoods, and Firewood Production, to name a few. Presenters are technical experts from the area of forestry and natural resources.

The ForestConnect 2007 Internet Seminar Series will occur on the third Wednesday of each month from noon to 1:00 PM, with a repeat live broadcast the same day from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. The noon-hour broadcast will be saved for subsequent viewing on the ForestConnect website. Participants must pre-register once, without charge, at www.ForestConnect.info. Email notification of internet URL details will be sent to all registrants prior to each session.

The ForestConnect 2007 Internet Seminar Series is designed for forest owners and forest enthusiasts from New York and the Northeast, but will interest most forest owners. Funding is provided through the Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University Cooperative Extension, and the USDA Renewable Resources Extension Program. For more information, contact Peter Smallidge at pjs23@cornell.edu or 607-592-3640.

Related World Wide Web sites:

<http://www.forestconnect.info>

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