

# West Virginia Woodland Stewards Seminar

**AGENDA for Tuesday evening; August 18, 2020; 6pm-8:30pm**

SAF CFEs--2.0 CAT 1; WVDA Pesticide applicator credits--4.0 cr in Cat 3, 7, 11, 13C, PA

ONLINE meeting via Zoom—Links will be furnished to those who RSVP

To register, go to:

<https://wvu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUldOyqrTotGdC9hvO8TRiWzuTxnF3gnpMi>

## AGENDA

6:00 pm -----

### **Beech Leaf Disease: Origin, causes, and recent survey efforts—**

***Danielle Martin, Forest Pathologist, Forest Health Protection, USDA Forest Service***

Beech Leaf Disease is an emerging threat to American Beech. This talk will focus on Beech Leaf Disease symptoms, origins and causes, and current survey efforts led by the Forest Service and partners.

6:30 pm -----

### **CTM and understory plants: Establishing work priorities—**

***Arlyn Perkey, Tree Farmer/USFS retired forester***

Crop Tree Management like many forest management activities creates openings in the overhead tree canopy, allowing more sunlight to reach the ground. This can be beneficial for some native plant species and some wildlife. It can also stimulate accelerated development of undesirable, exotic, invasive species. I will share my experience establishing crop trees (including BC1 chestnuts), encouraging desirable understory plants, and treating invasive species at my tree farm in western Monongalia County, WV.

7:00 pm      **BREAK/Questions and Answers**

7:15 pm -----

### **Hay and pasture management for landowners renting out their land—**

***Dr. Ed Rayburn, WVU Grassland Specialist***

Landowners are not all farmers wanting to raise crops or livestock. To keep land open and for tax purposes they may want to rent land to farmers for making hay, growing crops or grazing livestock. What management practices do landowners need to keep in mind to ensure that renters leave the land in good shape when they move on.

7:45 pm -----

### **Grasses, sedges, and rushes: that green stuff you're walking on isn't all the same thing—**

***Kevin Dodge, Natural Resources and Wildlife Technology program, Garrett College***

We tend to pay little attention to the grassy vegetation under our feet, lining our trails, and growing elsewhere in our woodlands, but a surprising diversity of native (and non-native) grasses and other grass-like plants can be found in West Virginia forests. Although they may all look the same, many different species can be identified with a little bit of practice. We'll talk about some of the more common and recognizable species you may find in your woods.

8:15pm      **Questions and Answers**

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