

WV Tree Farm Regional Education Meetings AGENDA for Tuesday morning, May 5, 2020; 9am-12pm

Continuing forestry education credits: Applied for.



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

<https://wvu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrc-GspzkiH9ZJOvcQKyOjNKBtcmGPBtSw>

9:00 am

Plant talk

Dr. Jim Rentch, WVU DFNR (Ret.)

Although plants lack “eyes” and “ears,” they interact and communicate with each other, both above and below-ground, in surprisingly sophisticated ways. This presentation will elucidate the way plants go about these interactions.

9:30 am

Firewise

Rosey Santerre and Tyler Williamson—WV Division of Forestry

FIREWISE is a fire safety program in the wildland urban interface, the area where houses meet brushlands and woodlands. This presentation will let you learn about what you can do to protect your home from wildfire.

10:00 am

Carbon Credits: Opportunities for West Virginia’s Forestland Owners

Aaron Holley—The Nature Conservancy

This presentation will provide a brief explanation of forest carbon offsets and how forestland owners in West Virginia have been and are benefitting from this additional source of income. The Nature Conservancy’s roles and programs related to forest carbon offset credits will be introduced as well as how landowners may become involved.

10:30

BREAK/Questions and Answers

11:00 am

Invasive Annual Grasses Along the Forest Edge and in Pastures

Dr. Rakesh Chandran, WVU Extension Specialist - Weed Science

Weeds of the pasture and woodland edges. This talk will feature two invasive annual grass species that are problematic in cool-season pastures in close proximity to woodlands in the Appalachia.

11:30 am

Spotted Lanternfly Update.

Rachel Braud, USDA-APHIS-PPQ Pest Survey Specialist KY & WV

Spotted lanternfly is an invasive insect from Asia. It was first detected in Berks Co. , PA in 2014. The insect now infests 26 counties in Pennsylvania as well as parts of Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and Berkeley Co. West Virginia. Spotted lanternflies suck sap from plants. They prefer Ailanthus trees (tree of heaven), and grape vines, however they have a large host range. I will give an update of the detection and treatment plans for Spotted Lanternfly in WV during the 2020 field season.