

An invitation from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and UCONN Cooperative Extension:

Forestry and Wildlife Habitat Workshops and Demonstrations

As a follow-up to the recent evening programs about USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service landowner assistance programs for forestry and wildlife habitat management practices, three afternoon field workshops and demonstrations for forest landowners have been scheduled.

Workshop Dates:

Saturday afternoon, November 20, 2010, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, UCONN, Storrs

Sunday afternoon, December 5, 2010, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Marlborough

Saturday afternoon, December 11, 2010, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, UCONN, Storrs

A fourth workshop is being planned in the Haddam area, date to be announced.

These field workshops will provide a chance for landowners to see and hear about actual on-the-ground examples of some of the forest and wildlife habitat management activities for which landowners can receive assistance under the Environmental Quality Incentive Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive programs.

The first workshop in the series will be held **Saturday afternoon, November 20, 2010 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on UCONN Forest at UCONN in Storrs, CT.** During this workshop you will hear about the development of forest management objectives in a management plan, the application of silvicultural treatments, see demonstrations of wildlife habitat enhancement techniques, invasive species control, and small-scale harvesting of wood products.

Directions: From I-84 take exit 68, Rt 195 south in Tolland, or from Rt 6 take Rt 195 north towards Mansfield. Rt 195 will bring you directly into the UCONN Campus. At the north end of campus, at the top of a rise, is the intersection of Rt 195 and the north end of Horsebarn Hill Rd. There are apartments/dorms on the west side of Rt 195 and pastures on the east side. On the northeast corner at the top of the hill is a large red barn. Turn east on Horsebarn Hill Rd. and park along the road or in one of the parking areas near the barn. We will meet at the red barn and proceed on foot from that point, hiking or work boots are advised. Heavy rain or snow will cancel the event, light precipitation ok.

The December 5th and 11th workshops will focus on the creation of early successional habitat, invasive species control, road and trail maintenance, small-scale harvesting and value-added techniques for forest products. Directions and details will be sent in a future message.

This workshop series is sponsored by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) with instruction by UCONN Cooperative Extension, Forestry.

For more information or questions contact: