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FLORIDA LAND STEWARD UPDATE

July 20, 2018

Have Land? Get a Plan and Stay Connected. [Florida Land Steward](#) is your source of assistance, information, events and resources.



News, information and upcoming events below.
 Please share this update with your neighbors, colleagues and others that may be interested.

*. [Link to the current quarterly Florida Land Steward Newsletter \(Summer-Fall 2018, Vol 7, No 3\) and back issues.](#) *

NEWS & INFO BRIEF

SUMMER-FALL ISSUE OF QUARTERLY FLORIDA LAND STEWARD

Hot off the presses: Sighting in the Northern Bobwhite Quail on Florida's Private Lands, Bamboo Beware: Green Gold or False Promises, Consultant Corner: Picking the Right Pine, Florida Tree Farm Program Preparing for 2019 Audit, Timber Price Update, Certified Forest Stewards and Tree Farmers, Events Calendar.

Access the current and back issues of the quarterly [Florida Land Steward Newsletter](#) [here](#).

CONGRATULATIONS SOUTHERN REGIONAL OUTSTANDING TREE FARMERS OF THE YEAR, JON AND CAROL GOULD OF FLORIDA

The Goulds own four Tree Farm properties, totaling 655 acres in the panhandle of Florida. A big focus of their work has been on restoring and growing native longleaf pine – an important tree species for at-risk wildlife. They are proud to have gopher tortoise burrows across much of the property, and in the past few years have seen the reappearance of the bobwhite quail on their land. [Read more about the Goulds](#).

[Read about all Regional OTFY nominees here.](#)

Cast your vote for the National Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year on the American Tree Farm System's Facebook page: <https://poll.fbapp.io/2018otfy/RGRO7jc>

FIND ASSISTANCE WITH THE FL LAND STEWARD PARTNERS WEB MAP TOOL

This interactive web-based map allows landowners to identify specific programs available at the local level. The Peninsular FL Landscape Conservation Cooperative website provides access to natural resource information. Access the map here: <http://viewer.apps.pflcc.databasin.org/v1/index.html>.

More about [this effort and how to use the tool here](#).

2017-2018 ORGANIC CERTIFICATION COST SHARE PROGRAM

Certified organic operators in Florida can apply for reimbursement of up to 75 percent of certification costs from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018, for a maximum of \$750 per scope of certification. The deadline to apply is October 31st.

Visit the FOG Cost Share webpage to learn more about the program, and how you can apply: <http://www.foginfo.org/our-programs/cost-share/>

If you have any questions regarding the program, please call Rylee Daddio at 352-231-7116

INTERACTIVE MAP SHOWS ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE FOREST INDUSTRY AND FOREST-BASED RECREATION IN FLORIDA IN 2016

This UF/IFAS study analyzed the economic contributions of the forest industry and forest-based recreation activities to the state of Florida in 2016.

View the [Interactive Map of Florida Forest Industry Impacts here](#).

AIR POTATO PATROL CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT

The Air Potato Patrol Citizen Science project is looking for volunteers at <https://airpotatobeetle.com/>. This collaborative project between University of Florida IFAS Extension and Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services seeks to educate

EAST FLORIDA (Madison County, east and south)

July 21	North Florida Prescribed Burn Association Meeting , 8:00 am to noon ET, Alachua Conservation Trust's Prairie Creek Lodge. The meeting will begin at 8:00 am and end at noon. This is an opportunity for the General Membership and other interested individuals, entities, and agencies for a update on the NFPBA's progress and to learn about more fire weather and the upcoming Flatwoods Fire and Nature Festival in January 2019. Please RSVP to pangaea505@gmail.com by July 19th, 2018.
July 26	2018 Livestock & Forages Field Day (link), 8:00 am ET, Santa Fe River Ranch 29220 NW 122 St, Alachua, FL 32615 Registration \$20 by July 19th or \$50 at the gate. See link above for details and registration. For more information contact: Jane Griffin, (386) 362-2771 or jane.griffin@ufl.edu
July 27-28	Florida Organic Growers' Organic Food & Farming Summit (link), Hilton UF Conference Center in Gainesville, FL. Registration opens in May. See link above for more information.
August 3	Air Potato IPM Field Day (link), 9 am - noon ET, Chinesegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Road, Brooksville, FL 34601. Provided by UF/IFAS Extension Hernando County. Join us for research updates on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) control methods of the invasive air potato vine and the effectiveness of the air potato beetle. See link above for details and registration. If you have any questions please contact William Lester at (352) 754-4433 ext. 5 or at wlester@ufl.edu .
August 22	Florida Tree Farm Tour: Managing Pine Forests for Multiple Goals, Putnam and Flagler Counties (link), 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET, Crescent Lake Hunt Club and Seminole Landing Properties in Putnam and Flagler Counties, 843 East Highway 100, San Mateo, FL. Join us to explore the possibilities that pine forest management has to offer, learn about sustainable forestry and wildlife habitat management, and connect with the local and statewide professionals and resources that are available to assist in your land management. Free, lunch provided. Provided by Florida Tree Farm and Forest Stewardship Programs. Reserve a space by contacting Greg Dunn, Greg.Dunn@FreshFromFlorida.com , (904) 209-0430 or Conrad Wysocki, Conrad.Wysocki@FreshFromFlorida.com , (386) 329-3717. Space will be limited so register soon.
August 28-30	Florida Forestry Association Annual Meeting 2018 (link), Omni Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island, FL. See link above for details and registration or call (850) 222-5646.
September 18	2018 Silviculture BMPs & Forestry Wildlife BMPs Workshop (link), 10 am to 3 pm ET, Southwest FL Water Mgt. District Office, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville. This free workshop, provided by Florida Forest Service, will educate forest land managers about Silviculture BMPs for Water Quality and the Forestry Wildlife BMPs for State Imperiled Species. Participants will receive 4 hours of SAF CAT-1 CFE's. Lunch on your own. To register contact Robin Holland, (352) 732-1781, Robin.Holland@freshfromflorida.com
September 20	Invasive Exotic Species and Control Workshop, Okeechobee County (pdf link), 9:00 am to 3:00 pm ET, UF/IFAS Okeechobee County Extension Office., 458 Highway 98 North, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Provided by Heartland Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area and Florida Forest Stewardship Program. Join us to get the latest information on controlling some of the most troublesome invasive exotic plants in this region. 5.0 FDACS CEUs approved: (3.0) Nat. Area Weed Mgmt., Pvt. App, or ROW; (2.0) 487 or 482 Core. \$10 fee covers lunch and materials. Register on-line at https://fsp-workshop092018.eventbrite.com/ . You can also reserve a space by contacting Okeechobee County Extension, (863) 763-6469, and pay at the event with cash or check payable to University of Florida.
	Landowner Cooperative Associations - Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Madison County , 8:30 am to 4:00 pm ET, UF/IFAS Madison County Extension Office, 184 NW College Loop, Madison, FL 32340. Learn about landowner cooperative

residents on how to identify and better control air potato vines, and to gather data important to current research and air potato leaf beetle tracking.

The website contains educational videos and a blog to educate the participants and keep them updated. Volunteers will be asked to complete surveys to evaluate the level of air potato infestation and the presence of the air potato beetles in their test plots. For more information please visit the website or contact William Lester, UF/IFAS Extension, at wlester@ufl.edu.

FLORIDA TREE FARM PROGRAM PREPARING FOR 2019 AUDIT

The Florida Tree Farm Program is preparing for a 2019 audit. The purpose of the audit is to verify that certified Tree Farms are compliant with the [2015-2020 Standards of Sustainability](#). A relatively small sample of Tree Farms will be selected for the audit. The audit team will visit selected Tree Farms to review the landowners' management plans and conduct a brief interview. The inspector of the property and a Florida Tree Farm representative will accompany the auditor. We will begin the audit process in January 2019. Selected sample Tree Farm landowners will receive a phone call in early January 2019.

To make sure this audit goes well it is extremely important for **ALL certified Tree Farms** in the state to have a **current written management plan**. Current means **updated in the last 5 years**. Contact your Florida Forest Service County Forester, consultant, or your Tree Farm District Representative if you need an update to your management plan, or if you have not been inspected **since 2014**.

Find your [County Forester here](#).

Find your [Tree Farm District Representative here](#).

REPORT QUAIL AND OTHER WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

To help restore the state's northern bobwhite quail populations, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is asking private landowners to report sightings of bobwhite quail on their land. Report northern bobwhite quail sightings at [MyFWC.com/QuailSighting](http://myfwc.com/QuailSighting)

The FWC also seeks reports of these species:

- Report chipmunk sightings here: <https://public.myfwc.com/hsc/chipmunk/getlatlong.aspx>
- Report panther sightings here: <https://public.myfwc.com/hsc/PantherSightings/getlatlong.aspx>
- Report mink sightings here: <https://public.myfwc.com/hsc/mink/getlatlong.aspx>
- Report black bear sightings here: <https://public.myfwc.com/fwri/blackbear/getlatlong.aspx>
- Report southern hognose snake, short-tailed snake, and Florida pine snake here: <https://public.myfwc.com/fwri/raresnakes/UserHome.aspx?id=>

SOMETHING BUGGING YOUR TREES? - CHECK OUT THE SOUTHERN FOREST AND TREE HEALTH DIAGNOSTICS FORUM

Hosted by a group of forest and tree health specialists with Southeastern universities and agencies, we are here to help identify pests and diseases in your forest or your backyard, and to recommend a solution, if appropriate. Join the group and report your tree health issue! Visit the new Forest Health Diagnostic forum on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SouthernTreeHealthDiagnostics/>

INVASIVE SPECIES PROBLEM?

Go to floridainvasives.org for information, assistance and partnership opportunities.

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON A PARTICULAR TOPIC?

Check the vast array of extension publications available at the University of Florida IFAS on the EDIS publication site: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/> Wow, there's a publication about that?

HAVE AN EVENT OR RELATED NEWS TO SHARE?

Drop a line to Chris Demers, cdemers@ufl.edu

More news and info at the [Florida Land Steward Blog](#)

On Facebook? Visit and Like [Florida Land Steward on Facebook](#)

Florida Land Steward Partners:

September 28	associations and the benefits of working with neighbors. Topics include cooperating to manage timber and wildlife, deer management, and the history and certification process of the American Tree Farm System. An afternoon tour of a local tree nursery will follow lunch. Free, lunch included. More details to be posted soon. Contact Madison County Extension (850) 973- 4138 by September 21 to register.
September 29	Project Learning Tree: Connecting Forests With People (link) , 8:30 am –3:00 pm ET, Austin Cary Forest, 10625 NE Waldo Rd, Gainesville FL 32609. This training is for anyone interested in learning hands-on approaches to teach youth (and adults) about trees, forests, and the environment. Landowners, outreach coordinators, community volunteers, scout and camp leaders, undergraduate and graduate students and educators, anyone working with youth or wanting to are welcome. See link above for details and registration. For more information contact Elise Cassie, ecassie@ufl.edu

WEST FLORIDA (Jefferson County and west)	
August 25 (note date change)	Family Heirs Property in Florida: "Cloudy Titles" 2018 Workshop Series - Session 5 , ask the expert session which will be held at the Grape Harvest festival. Registration is not required for the session, but there is a fee to enter the festival. Here is the link for the festival: http://www.famunews.com/grape-harvest-festival/ . For more information, contact Sandra Thomson, Ed.D. at (850) 599-3546, sandra.thompson@fam.u.edu

WEBINARS / SIMULCAST EVENTS	
July 24	Forestry Webinar: Transitioning from Gray to Green Infrastructure Using Urban Forestry (link) , 1 pm ET. See link for details and to join.
July 25	Forestry Webinar: Maintaining Quail and Grassland Bird Habitat in the Agricultural Landscape: CP33 - Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (link) , 1 pm ET. See link for details and to join.
July 25	CEU Roundup (link) , 8:30 am to 4:00 pm ET, simulcast statewide from the University of Florida. The FL Turf Grass Association has teamed up with UF/IFAS to present this year's CEU Round-Up, a full day of education that will be simulcast to locations around Florida from the University of Florida campus in Gainesville. The Round-Up has been designed to award up to 6 CEUs to attendees in some of the most difficult to attain subject areas, including aquatic weed control, natural areas, and right-of-way, among others. See link above for details and registration.
August 7	Science & Technology Webinar: Benefits of Agroforestry in Transitioning and Organic Systems (link) , 3 pm ET. See link for details and to join.
August 29	Forestry Webinar: Increasing Adoption of Residential Wood Energy: Past, Present, & Future (link) , 2 pm ET. See link for details and to join.

Check these web calendars for more events and trainings:

[Florida Forest Stewardship Calendar](#)

[UF/IFAS Small Farms Events Calendar](#)

[Florida Invasive Species Partnership](#)

[Florida Master Naturalist Program](#)

[Florida Native Plant Society Chapters](#)

[Brooker Creek Preserve Events, Pinellas County](#)

[Florida Forest Service Training Opportunities](#)

[Forestry and Natural Resources Webinars](#)

Check with your UF/IFAS County Extension Office for more events and information relevant to your county:

<http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map/>

[UF/IFAS SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES & CONSERVATION](#)
[UF/IFAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE ECOLOGY & CONSERVATION](#)
[FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE](#)
[FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION](#)
[USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE](#)
[US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PARTNERS PROGRAM](#)
[FLORIDA TREE FARM PROGRAM](#)
[FLORIDA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION](#)
[SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE](#)
[THE LONGLEAF ALLIANCE](#)
[PENINSULAR FLORIDA LANDSCAPE COOPERATIVE](#)
[SOUTHERN REGION EXTENSION FORESTRY](#)
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