



TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

Forestry & Wildlife Field Day

April 26, 2018

8:30am-1:30pm

Registration – Free

Lunch – provided

Location: I.D. Fairchild State Forest

2028 HWY 84W (FM 747 & HWY 84)

Rusk, TX 75785

N 31 46.587

W 95 22.075

To Register: Email Zaina Gates at

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Name, email, phone number,

& number of attendees including yourself

Landowners from Cherokee and Anderson Counties are welcome to attend the 2018 annual Forestry and Wildlife Field Day at the I.D. Fairchild State Forest.

The field day will begin with a history of the I.D. Fairchild State Forest by District Forester, Jason Ellis. Then throughout the day, attendees will travel to four field sites (on hay covered 16' trailers) to learn about forestry and wildlife management. During lunch, Adrian Van Dellen, current chair of the Texas Black Bear Alliance, will give a presentation.

Site #1 is about understory management techniques (herbicide, mulching, prescription burning) to provide habitat for wild turkey, red-cockaded woodpecker, white-tailed deer, and other types of wildlife. Speakers are Annie Farrell, district biologist with National Wild Turkey Federation, and Donna Work, biologist with Texas A&M Forest Service.

Site #2 is about shortleaf pine restoration using natural and artificial regeneration techniques. Speakers are Dr. Eric Taylor, silviculturalist with Texas A&M Forest Service, and Jeff Brister, soil conservationist with Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Site #3 is about wildlife habitat management practices that landowners can do on their own properties. Speakers are J.B. Wynn with Region 9 Quality Deer Management Association for LA, OK, and TX, and Reuben Gay, wildlife biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Site #4 is about native understory plant identification and pollinators. Speaker is Kim Benton, horticulture county extension agent with Texas A&M Agrilife.

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Rusk, Texas 75785





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Agenda

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| 8:30-9:00am | Sign In | Located at the Trinity-Neches Forest Landowner Association Booth |
| 9:00-9:15am | Welcome | History of the I.D. Fairchild State Forest and Events of the Day– Jason Ellis, District Forester II, TFS |
| 9:15-9:30am | Load trailers, travel to 1 st field site | |
| 9:30-10:00am | <p><u>Group 1 - Turkey/RCW/Understory Control – Forage 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annie Farrell, District Biologist, National Wild Turkey Federation Donna Work, Biologist III, Texas A&M Forest Service <p><u>Group 2 – Shortleaf Pine Restoration – Stands 3 & 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Eric Taylor, Silviculturist III, Texas A&M Forest Service Jeff Brister, Soil Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service | |
| 10:00-10:15am | Load trailers, travel to 2 nd field site | |
| 10:15-10:45am | <p><u>Group 1 – Wildlife Habitat Management Practices – Food Plot, Stand 19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> J.B. Wynn, Quality Deer Management Association, Region 9 – LA, OK, TX Reuben Gay, Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks & Wildlife <p><u>Group 2 – Native Understory Plants ID and Pollinators – Stand 11</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kimberly Benton, County Extension Agent, Horticulture, Texas A&M Agrilife | |
| 10:45-11:00am | Load trailers & travel back to parking site for lunch | |
| 11:00-12:00pm | Lunch/Presentation by Texas Black Bear Alliance, speaker Adrian Van Delle, current chair | |
| 12:00-12:15pm | Load trailers, travel to 3 rd field site | |
| 12:15-12:45pm | <p><u>Group 1 – Shortleaf Pine Restoration – Stands 3 & 4</u></p> <p><u>Group 2 - Turkey/RCW/Understory Control – Forage 4</u></p> | |
| 12:45-1:00pm | Load trailers, travel to 4 th field site | |
| 1:00-1:30pm | <p><u>Group 1 – Native Understory Plants ID and Pollinators – Stand 11</u></p> <p><u>Group 2 – Wildlife Habitat Management Practices – Food Plot, Stand 19</u></p> | |
| 1:30pm | Load trailers and return to parking site | |

