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Research: Wildland-Urban Interface Forest Entrepreneurs

This study, conducted by Virginia Tech researchers Bruce Hull and Katie Nelson, looked at new trends in forest-related businesses and owners at the wildland-urban interface (WUI). WUI forest (WUIF) entrepreneurs are an emerging group of service providers working in WUI forests who are positioning themselves to serve the needs of the growing number of interface forest landowners. WUIF entrepreneurs with diverse professional backgrounds were interviewed in several states, including Virginia, Oregon, Washington, Texas, New Hampshire, and Maryland. The study focused on characteristics, opportunities, and obstacles of WUI forest entrepreneurship and found that most WUIF entrepreneurs could be loosely grouped into two categories: those with a background in a timber or logging industry and those with a background in a green industry.

To learn more about this research visit:

<http://frec.vt.edu/Faculty/BruceHull/HullWUIFentrepreneurs.pdf>

Upcoming Event: Small Scale Forestry: Synergies and Conflicts in Social, Ecological and Economic Interactions

This conference will provide the opportunity to examine, discuss, and learn about the network of social, economic, and ecological relationships in small forests, with an emphasis on interactions between stakeholders and the environment. Presentations, tours, and social opportunities are included during the event. The conference is supported by the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) and will be held July 24-28, in Freiburg, Germany.

To learn more about this conference visit: <http://www.interfacesouth.org/events/small-scale-forestry-synergies-and-conflicts-in-social-ecological-and-economic-interactions>

To learn about other upcoming events visit:

<http://www.interfacesouth.org/events/renderEventsListing?eventType=upcoming>

In the News: Report: Georgia Forests Provide \$37B in Ecological Benefits

UGA researcher's analysis estimates the value of non-timber benefits of state's forestland

ATHENS — A University of Georgia researcher has found that Georgia's forestlands provide essential ecosystem services to the state worth an estimated \$37 billion annually, in addition to the value of timber, forest products and recreation.

This is the first time these indirect benefits of Georgia's private forests have been estimated.

Rebecca Moore, an assistant professor in the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, studied the 22 million acres of privately owned forestland in Georgia to estimate the benefits of water filtration, carbon storage, wildlife habitat and aesthetics.

Source: *Savannah Morning News*

To view the full article visit:

<http://savannahnow.com/effingham-now/2011-04-12/report-georgia-forests-provide-37b-ecological-benefits>

Literature: Forestry's Conundrum: High Value, Low Relevance

This publication explores issues related to changes in society's relationship with forests, emphasizing the importance of wooded areas and the lack of interest shown in them. The author, Dr. Bruce Hull of Virginia Tech, argues that forestry has lost its relevance in society because its traditional supporters have lost political and economic power. He argues that forestry's future lies with new patrons: environmental nongovernment organizations, residential forest investors, and the working green infrastructure. Servicing these groups will require forestry to develop new tools and tactics.

To learn more visit: <http://frec.vt.edu/Faculty/BruceHull/HullForestryconundrumPrePubpaper.pdf>

Website: Backyard Woods

The Arbor Day Foundation's Backyard Woods program is designed to educate landowners about topics related to small woodlots and support endeavors to enhance and maintain wooded areas. The program addresses a variety of topics, from creating a master plan to harvesting wood products, and contains resources such as a guide book and tip sheets. Backyard Woods program materials can be ordered online or downloaded for free.

To learn more about the Backyard Woods Program visit: <http://www.arborday.org/backyardwoods/>

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