Management of American Beech: Treating diseased beech, while retaining quality smooth bark genetics

This all-day field tour is planned for Thursday, September 13th, 2018 in Ashland, Maine on land managed by Seven Islands Land Company. Presentations given at the various tour stops will highlight current and past management philosophies on the treatment and management of American beech. Focus will be on treatments for diseased beech stands on both large and small-scale properties, with a discussion on the retention of smooth bark beech that present quality genetics that appear to be resistant to the beech bark disease.

The tour will visit various beech treatment areas that utilize a variety of silvicultural tools based on the previous stand condition and structure. Stops will include untreated areas that illustrate the issue created by beech bark disease, beech retention areas that contain smooth bark beech, and a variety of treated acres. Nick Baser, Seven Islands Northern Maine Regional Manager, Brian Roth of the CFRU, Gaetan Pelletier of the Northern Hardwood Research Institute, Bill Ostrofsky, and Ron Lemin of CPS will discuss management of the various stand conditions along with their future potential, planned management, and risk mitigation. A boxed lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided. For food allergies or restrictions please contact Laura Audibert.

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Ashland, Maine

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Maine Division SAF
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REGISTRATION FORM
Forms and payment must be received 
By Friday, September 7, 2018

Members: #______ @ $55=______
Non-members: #______ @ $75=______
Student Members: #______ @ $25=______
TOTAL ENCLOSED: $______

Name: ____________________________

Address: __________________________

Phone #: __________________________
Cell #: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________

If we need to reach you on tour day.

I do not want my contact information distributed in the registration packet

TRANSPORTATION
☐ I will meet the bus in Orono
☐ I will meet the bus in Ashland

CARPOOLING?
Your name, town, email and phone # will be listed on our website for other attendees to contact.

☐ Carpool to Orono ☐ Carpool to Ashland

Lunch Options:
☐ Regular ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten-Free

Registration Options
Mail the registration form, with your check made payable to Maine Division, SAF, to:
Laura Audibert
11 Leopold St.
Fort Kent, ME 04743
207-834-6773
la4568@roadrunner.com

or
Register online (credit card only) at our website: mesaf.org

Go to 2018 Field Tours and follow the appropriate links.

Registration is valid only when payment is received.

There is a limit of 50 participants for this field tour
Once the limit is reached, a waiting list will be maintained on the MESAF website

If you have food allergies or other restrictions, please contact Laura Audibert (information above)

This tour will proceed as scheduled rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, please bring an umbrella, rubber boots and rain jacket.

** Hard Hats are required for this tour.

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Tour Agenda
6:00 AM Meet at Orono IGA (I95 Stillwater Exit)
6:15 AM Bus departs Orono IGA
9:00 AM Bus arrives at Ashland Fish and Game club pick up location
9:15 AM Bus leaves for first tour stop: Alex Ingraham, President of Pingree Associates will provide a tour overview and welcome on the ride to the first stop.
10:00 AM Stop 1: Untreated beech stand “Control block” with beech bark disease condition. Nick Baser, Ron Lemin and Brian Roth, will speak about resistant beech trees and how to maintain good genetics. Gaetan Pelletier and Brian Roth will present research on beech bark disease.
11:00 AM Depart for second tour stop
11:15 PM Arrive at Stop 2. Tour beech bark disease stand treated by an OSR prepared for future herbicide application. Nick Baser will speak on silvicultural treatment decisions and expected outcomes. Ron Lemin will speak on herbicide treatment.
12:15 PM Depart for third tour stop. Lunch on bus.
12:45 PM Arrive at third stop. Shelterwood preparation with small patch cuts. Will speak on alternative treatments to the beech bark disease and how to deal with the issue as a small landowner. Nick Baser will speak on treatment history of the stands, and what prompted the silvicultural decision. Demonstration of backpack mist blower for small landowner applications.
2:30 PM Depart for Ashland Fish & Game
3:00 PM Arrive at Ashland Fish & Game
3:30 PM depart Ashland Fish & Game
6:00 PM Bus Arrives at Orono IGA for final drop off.