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Hello Fellow Forest Landowners!

The Forest Stewardship Foundation is sending our best to you! We are so sorry that we had to cancel our landowner conference and the insect and disease workshop.

Although we are thankfully beginning to see some relief from our “stay at home” state directive, now is still a great time dig out your Forest Stewardship plan or Tree Farm plan, get out into your forest, get some fresh air and clear your head . The plans may be one year old, or 20 years old-doesn't matter! Now is a great time to review what you have in your plan. Look at your maps, photos and then get into the weeds! Truly include the weeds! Just take a fresh look and see if you have followed your plans, where you are in your progress, and then take a walk! As you walk, enjoy the smells, sights and sounds that surround you! Keep your eye out for the first wildflower of the year!) Soak it up!

Then ask yourself if you see the results you wanted from any previous activity. Review actions that you plan to take and see if they still give you the results you wanted?

As you look, note any changes that you see such as blowdown, new regeneration, vegetation, new animal sign, birds? Are you satisfied with what you see? What caused that result? What would you change? Take some pictures and notes! Have questions? Make a list! Take your questions and pursue the answer! Contact another Tree Farmer, Forest Steward, or a professional that you have worked with in the past

Use your list to keep your eye out for your educational opportunities that would cover questions on Forest Diseases and Insects, fire wise, Forest health, wildlife and other topics! Although in person opportunities for additional learning are limited at this time, there is so much online! Some old and some new, but even if you have seen a video before, you may enjoy and learn from viewing it again! There are a few opportunities listed below, but the internet allows for so much more! Just keep in mind you want information appropriate to the Northern Rockies if you do a search on the Web!

So, take an hour or five, and walk around your forest! Enjoy, and know that every step you take to meeting your forest goals is progress! Have Fun!

Sincerely,

Lorrie Wood

Board member,

Forest Stewardship Foundation

WEBSITES

Check out the **MSU Extension Forestry** website! There are videos and publications—and even if you have seen them before, they are even better the second time!

<http://forestry.msuextension.org/videoresources.html>

[The Big Picture](#)

[Rocky Mountain Forest Processes](#)

[Northern Rockies Forest Ecology and Management](#) (5-part series)

[Timber Harvesting for Private Landowners](#)

[Chainsaw Safety Awareness](#) (2-part series)

[How to fell or cut down a Tree using a Chainsaw](#)

[Bioenergy in Northwest Montana](#), Bioenergy Day 2017

[Restoration Renaissance: A new Paradigm in John Day, OR](#). When the town's remaining lumber mill threatened to close, environmentalists and local leaders stepped in to save it.

[From the Ground up: A Story of Stewardship in Lake County, OR](#). A remote rural community becomes a national leader in collaboration, redefining the idea of stewardship.

[Living with Fire: Black is the new Green in Trinity County, CA](#). Local leaders and forest managers are discovering how living with fire keeps communities safe and creates new local businesses.

[Forest biomass diversion in the Sierra Nevada: Energy, economics and emissions](#); highlighting the benefits and challenges associated with managing forest biomass and transforming it into a source for renewable energy.

<http://forestry.msuextension.org/publications.html>

[Shaping and Pruning Your Ornamental Trees](#) (pdf version)

[Tree and Forest Restoration following Wildfire](#)

[The Difference between planning and doing Forest Management](#)

[Forestland Grazing: Understory Forage Management](#)

[Managing your Timber Resource: Which Trees to cut, which Trees to leave?](#)

[Using Alternative Slash Management Systems in Western Montana](#)

[After the Storm: Caring for Your Trees](#)

[Developing a Wildfire Hazard Reduction Plan for Your Property](#)

[Alternative Forest Management](#)

[Managing Bark Beetles](#)

[Forest Soil - How does it function?](#)

[What is a Tree - Biology and Growth](#)

[Pruning Trees](#)

[Trees and Shelterbelts](#)

[Photo Guide for Assessing Wildfire Severity](#)

[A 13-year case study of the impacts of the Fridely Fire across land ownerships and management responses in the Northern Rockies](#)

[2019 Forest Conditions Report](#)

MSU County Extension also has great information. The site below is for Flathead County but just substitute your county name and off you go! Look at all the counties!

<http://flathead.msuextension.org/Links.html>

Montana Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage Program

- [Private Pesticide Applicator Training](#)
- [MSU Pesticide Safety Education Program](#)
- [Master Gardener Program](#)
- [Montana Statewide Noxious Weed Awareness and Education Program](#)
- [Montana Department of Agriculture Hay Hotline](#)
- [Montana Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation Beetle Website](#)
- [Montana Native Landscaping Information](#)
- [Missoula County Extension Plant Diagnostic Program](#)
- [Montana County Climate Summaries](#)
- [Soil Testing Laboratories in Montana](#)

Noxious Weeds?

The Montana Weed Association has great information online! You will find weed ID, control options, and other great information.

<https://www.mtweed.org/weeds/weed-id/>

Insects & Disease Questions?

Try this Montana DNRC website!

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/docs/assistance/pests/management-guide/complete-mgt-guide/mgtguide-full.pdf>