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NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

NCFA FORESTRY CAMP HELD IN GREENSBORO



Dave Hendershott taught Land Measurement during the Forestry & Environmental Camp

The NCFA's Forestry & Environmental Camp took place at Carolyn Allen Park in Greensboro earlier this week. The camp was structured a little differently as requested by the Kernodle teachers.

The camp was based on three courses - Land Measurement, Tree Measurement and Silviculture & Wildlife. The class sessions were lengthened to provide more instruction time for the field activities.

The sixth graders from Kernodle Middle School enjoyed the two day camp.

We once again would like to say a big THANK YOU to our volunteers for another great Forestry Camp.

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NORTH CAROLINA RECEIVES 9.2 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT THROUGH REPI CHALLENGE

The NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature provided the ideal venue for North Carolina's Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler to announce that the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) has secured \$9.2 million in federal funding to protect land from development and maintain agricultural, forestry and military uses.

The funding was awarded through a biennial competition known as the REPI Challenge, which is operated by the Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program.

"When we were trying to decide where we should have this announcement made," stated

North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler in his opening statement, "We finally thought that the perfect place is at Forestry Day because this announcement is going to be so important to forestry and agriculture in North Carolina."

The funding will support conservation efforts by North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partnership, which includes the NCDA&CS, the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, other federal and state agencies, local governments and nonprofit organizations.

"We all know that there has been encroachment around our military bases - this means they cannot train like they want to or as much they want to," stated Troxler. "When you marry forestry, agriculture and the military together, and we can protect our military bases, that's as good as it gets. We are so proud to be able to obtain these funds."

The REPI funding was no random federal handout. It was a competition that included nine other states.

"It takes a lot of work," stated Troxler. "Not days of work, not months of work, not weeks of work, but years of work to prepare to do something like this. I cannot say enough thanks to all the partners in this and all the hard work that went into this."

The funding will provide conservation easements by the Sentinel Landscape Partnership with willing landowners. This Sentinel Partnership includes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Army, the Marine Corps, the Air Force and other federal and state agencies, local governments and non-profit organizations. These easements will allow farmers and forest landowners to continue to operate their working lands with limited specific restrictions.

"When you think about military training, maybe you think about the boots on the ground, but there's a lot of low level military flight

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North Carolina lands REPI Grant! (l-r) U.S. Marine Corps Colonel Michael Scalise, Senator Harry Brown, North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler, Representative John Bell and Gordon Myers with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission pose for a photograph after the REPI award announcement.



Ag Commissioner Steve Troxler praised his staff and partners for their efforts on the REPI Grant process.

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SUBMIT NEWS TO THE NCFCA

TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the NCFCA. News items should be sent to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org or by calling (800) 231-7723 ext. 3.

The NCFCA is the state's oldest forest conservation organization, consisting of 4,100 members with ties to forestry and the forest products industry. A private, non-profit organization, the NCFCA promotes healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners, the forest products industry, and related groups that responsibly manage and/or use forests. ■

POLITICAL NEWS & REGULATORY ISSUES

FORESTRY DAY BRINGS FOCUS ON PUBLIC POLICY THAT SUPPORTS FORESTRY AND INDUSTRY

Forestry Day in the Legislature was a success thanks to members who made the trip to Raleigh and meet with their elected officials. Over 80 NCFCA members were on hand to discuss forestry issues.

NCFCA Executive Vice President Pryor Gibson led a quick review of the top issues facing forestry this legislative session.

"Firstly, thank you for making the trip to Raleigh today to join us for Forestry Day," stated Gibson. "The good news is the few bills that gave us some concern did not make the crossover deadline, meaning they should be put to sleep for this legislative session. But, nothing is really ever over down here. We have highlighted some bills to focus on, but we encourage you to meet with your representatives and introduce yourself. They need to know you."

Each NCFCA member received a briefing folder that included top issues and room designations for lawmakers.

Thanks to Senator Tom McInnis, a longtime NCFCA member, who took time out of his busy schedule to meet with the NCFCA membership as part of the morning briefing prior to the luncheon.

North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler also spoke with NCFCA members before the REPI award announcement. He explained some of the economic challenges facing the North Carolina Forest Service in response to updating equipment and adding additional staff for combating wildfires in the western part of the state.

The menu provided by Lady Fingers of mixed sandwiches and assorted salads proved to be popular with lawmakers and staff once again this year. The informal nature of Forestry Day ranks it as one of the top legislative events held annually on the Halifax Mall. The NCFCA staff encourages members to make it a priority event - expect to see it again in the first week of May of 2018.

NCFCA FOCUS LEGISLATION

The NCFCA staff continues to monitor the activities of the North Carolina General Assembly. Listed below are some of the higher profile bills the NCFCA is tracking. The NCFCA publishes a complete lists of bills that may be of interest to our membership each Friday as part of our Zipline e-mail newsletter.

House Bill 56 - Amend Various Environmental Laws House Bill 56 is a generic bill that addresses that an owner of a high-hazard or an intermediate-hazard dam shall develop an Emergency Action Plan that includes the involvement of a professional engineer or person under the responsible charge of a professional engineer to ensure it protects public safety and welfare. This bill has passed the House and its first reading in the Senate. The NCFCA is neutral on this bill at this point.

House Bill 80 - Bona Fide Ownership of Timber Parcels - THIS BILL DID NOT MEET THE CROSSOVER DEADLINE This bill seeks to protect forest landowners from timber being unlawfully cut and/or removed from their property by mandating that the forest landowner obtain a survey of his/her property that clearly defines the property lines of his/her property. This bill has passed its first reading and has been referred to the committee on Judiciary III. This bill has not moved since the second week of February. The NCFCA does not support this bill in its current form and continues to work with bill

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(l-r) Arturo Lumpkin, Tripp Lumpkin, Senator Chad Barefoot and his son, and Parker Lumpkin pose for a photograph during Forestry Day in the Legislature.

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sponsors to amend it so it maintains private property rights without imposing an unnecessary financial burden on the landowner.

House Bill 142 - Increase Oversight of Occupational License Boards This bill seeks to increase oversight and streamline existing licensing boards in the state. The State Board of Registration for Foresters is currently listed as one of the 58 boards that will remain active. This is a positive change from the previous versions of this bill introduced in the last legislative session. The NCFA supported this bill after it included keeping the State Board of Registration for Foresters. This bill passed the House and Senate and was on its way to being approved before it was deleted and replaced with text to repeal House Bill 2. It is expected the original language for House Bill 142 will reappear in another bill before the session is over in what is called a proposed content substitute bill. If it does not, the Forester Registration Board will continue to operate as it has in the past.

House Bill 467 - Agriculture and Forestry Nuisance Remedies (partner bill is Senate Bill 460) This bill seeks to clarify the remedies available in private nuisance as it pertains to agriculture and forestry. THIS BILL HAS BECOME LAW. The NCFA supported this legislation.

House Bill 535 - Operating Funds for Linville Nursery (partner bill is Senate Bill 341) This bill would appropriate operating funds for the North Carolina Forest Service's Linville River Tree Nursery. This bill has been referred to the House Appropriations Committee. The NCFA supports this bill.

House Bill 745 - NC Energy Ratepayers Protection Act This bill seeks to amend various provisions of the general statutes related to distributed generation and to direct the utilities commission to perform an assessment of the costs and benefits of distributed generation. It has passed its first reading and has been referred to the Energy and Public Utilities Committee (4/13/2017). The NCFA is neutral on this bill at this time.



(l-r) Ashley Faircloth, Senator David Lewis, Senator John Alexander and Allen Whitesell at the NCFA's Forestry Day.



(l-r) Ashley Faircloth, Senator Ben Clark, Senator Tom McInnis, Boyd McLaurin and Clay Creed pose for a photo during Forestry Day in the Legislature.

Senate Bill 131 - Regulatory Reform Act of 2016 This bill amends certain environmental, natural resources, and other laws. THIS BILL HAS BECOME LAW. The NCFA was neutral on this legislation.

Senate Bill 434 - Amend Environmental Laws This bill amends certain environmental and natural resources laws. This bill has passed the Senate and passed its first reading in the House. It has been referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations. The NCFA supports this bill at this point.

Senate Bill 532 - Landowner Encroachment and Timber Theft Act This bill provides resources, authority, and guidance to the North Carolina Forest Service law enforcement section to monitor and reduce losses due to landowner encroachment, timber, and other natural resource theft or loss and to increase the penalties associated with these crimes. This bill has passed its first reading and has been referred to Senate Rules and Operations Committee (3/30/2017). The NCFA supports this bill.

Senate Bill 539 - Environmental Regulatory Reform Act of 2017 An act to provide further environmental regulatory relief to the citizens of North Carolina. This bill passed its first reading and has been referred to the Agriculture/ Environment/ Natural Resources Committee (4/13/2017). The NCFA is neutral on this bill at this point.

Senate Bill 615 - North Carolina Farm Act of 2017 This bill seeks to make amendments to certain laws governing agricultural matters. This bill has been passed its first reading and is referred to the Committee on Agriculture/ Environment/ Natural Resources. The NCFA is neutral on this bill at this point.

If you have any questions about proposed legislation listed here or on the complete NCFA watch list, please contact Pryor Gibson, at (919) 834-3943 ext. 5 or at pgibson@ncforestry.org. ■



(l-r) Todd Willis, Senator Tom McInnis, Jaime Teel, and Allen Whitesell at Forestry Day.



PROLOGGER MODULE 17 CLASSES

The module class for this year is Module 17. If you are going to hold a class, please send Chris Brown an e-mail at cbrown@ncforestry.org so it can be added to the list.



Date	Time	Location
5/12	12:00 p.m.	Domtar Bennettsville, SC
<i>Please call Matt Krawiec (843) 479-6531. Seating limited.</i>		
5/12	11:30 a.m.	Vance Granville CC, Louisburg, NC
5/17	6:00 p.m.	College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, NC
<i>Please call Renee' Winslow (252) 771-2497 before 5/11 to attend class.</i>		
5/22	4:30 p.m.	Lampe Malphrus, Smithfield, NC
6/8	9:00 a.m.	Resolute Forest Products, Lancaster, SC.
<i>Limited seating so please call (803) 283-0641 to RSVP.</i>		
6/28	6:00 p.m.	Roaring River VFD, Roaring River, NC ■

PROLOGGER BASE CLASS SCHEDULE

The NCF will be hosting three offerings of the ProLogger Base Course in 2017. The base course is a two-day program that is mandatory for all professional loggers who would like to earn ProLogger status.

If you are interested in becoming a ProLogger, you must complete this course and then maintain in good standing by taking a continuing education component, namely training modules. Please send Chris Brown an e-mail at cbrown@ncforestry.org if you would like to register for the next class.

Date	Location	City
March 15-16, 2017	Martin CC	Williamston, NC
May 24-25, 2017	Montgomery CC	Troy, NC
October 11-12, 2017	McDowell Tech CC	Marion, NC ■

NCFS PUBLISHES BMP NEWSLETTER

The second quarter 2017 edition of the North Carolina Forest Service BMP newsletter is now posted to the NCFS Water Quality web page. This edition features protecting soil resources, recently hired water quality foresters, and seed costs for stabilizing bare ground. ■

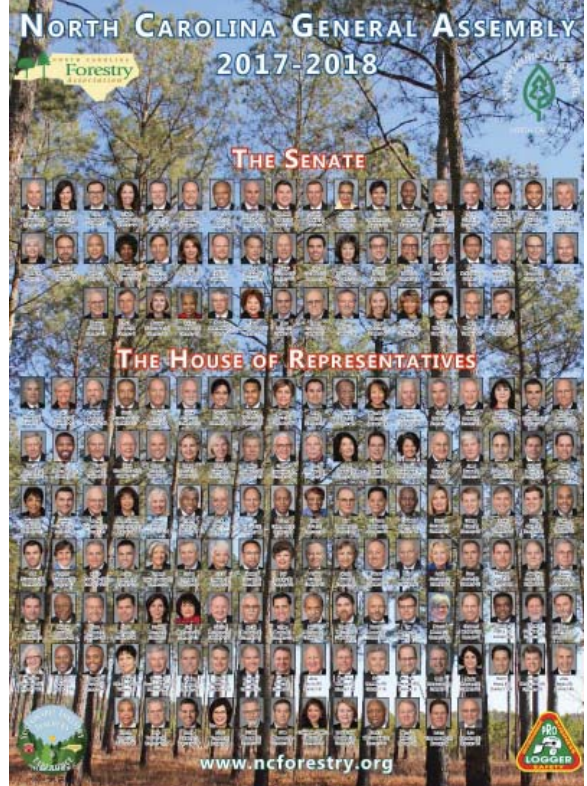
BARNSTORMING WITH BANDIT

Ben Twiddy (far right back row) took a Bandit 3680 to his daughter's school, White Oak School in Chowan County, NC, in April.

Children had the chance to look at the machine as well as see pellet and micro chip samples that were supplied by Enviva.

"The 3680 Recycler got a lot of interest from the teachers as well," stated Twiddy who is with CTW Equipment Company, Inc. "They seemed surprised to learn about the huge positive impact that Eastern North Carolina has on lowering global carbon emissions as well as the economic benefit that is provided locally."

Thanks to Ben Twiddy and Jack Swanner of the CLA for sharing photos and story. ■



The NCF recently completed production of its Legislative Poster. It will be shared at the General Assembly next week as a way of promoting Forestry Day in the Legislature.

"ASK ROY" ADDS QUESTIONS

Working with Firehorse Films, the NCF continued to develop its "Ask Roy" feature by producing seven more segments. The complete list can be found on the NCF's website under the Teachers section.



Roy Jarrard, a long time forester with Louisiana-Pacific at Roaring River and a stalwart Forestry Camp volunteer, is our star performer! Thanks to Roy for his efforts with this project.

The goal is to provide quick forestry answers that school age children can find online. ■

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Toney Lumber Company is seeking a Sawmill Forman/Millwright. Duties include maintenance, welding and all types of general repair and is responsible for daily production, quality control, safety and managing the daily operation of a sawmill and 18 to 25 employees.

Candidate is responsible for maintenance of the sawmill. Qualified candidates must have a strong background in sawmill maintenance or other millwright maintenance skills that will help them adapt to working in a sawmill. A strong background in wood products is preferred and any experience with welding, hydraulic repairs, optimizers, electrical, and pneumatics is a plus. Please contact Doug Dunne at ddunne@toneylumber.com for more information. ■

RAFFLE WINNERS SHARE \$5,000 JACKPOT IN FFPAC EVENT



(l-r) Bernard Rose, John Gray, Jim Durham and Tommy Adkins were all smiles at the conclusion of the FFPAC's reverse raffle.

The Friends of Forestry PAC Reverse Raffle made five individuals a little happier by the end of the evening as their tickets were the last five in the drum of the over 850 tickets sold.

While the dust is still settling and some contributions are still working their way into the NCFA office, the raffle sales reached just over \$30,000. The winning jackpot was \$5,000.

The lucky winners were Parker Lumpkin, Jim Durham, Tommy Adkins, Dwight Batts and John Gray. Congratulations!

Thanks again to all of our members who purchased and/or sold tickets on behalf of the FFPAC!

TOP TICKET SELLERS

78	BRUCE EVANS	15	CHARLIE MARSHBURN
75	ALLEN WHITESELL	15	BOYD MCLAURIN
45	JOHN GRAY	15	CHIP MILLER
33	MARK CHURCH	15	TOMMY NORRIS
33	FRED TAYLOR	15	JOHN PARSONS
30	RAY ALLEN	15	BOB PIPPEN
30	DEAN ALSUP	15	JIM PRIDGEN
24	ASHLEY FAIRCLOTH	15	RIDDICK RICKS
24	BERNARD ROSE	15	SCOTT SMEARMAN
21	DWIGHT BATTIS	15	DENNIS STONE
18	ALLEN PLASTER	15	JACK SWANNER
15	TOMMY ADKINS	15	MARSHALL THOMPSON
15	DOUG BURLESON	15	DALE THRASH
15	STEVE CRAWLEY	15	MICHAEL WALTERS
15	RUDY DAUGHTRY	9	JOHN FLETCHER
15	JEFF EDWARDS	9	ROGER MELVIN
15	JOE EVANS	9	FRANK RACKLEY
15	FRED HARDIN	7	SCOTT BREWER
15	DAVID HENDRIX	7	JIM DURHAM
15	BRAD HOWARD	7	JIM REAVIS
15	CHARLES JONES	7	JAIME TEEL
15	PARKER LUMPKIN	■	
15	WILLIE LUMPKIN		
15	JAMES MALPHRUS		

N.C. FOREST SERVICE'S LINVILLE RIVER NURSERY TO CLOSE JUNE 30

After 47 years of production, the N.C. Forest Service's Linville River Nursery in Crossnore will cease operations June 30.

James West, head of the Nursery and Tree Improvement Program, said it was a difficult but necessary decision. The program's input costs remain too high, making the mountain nursery unsustainable.

"Since all our nurseries must generate their own income, this decision had to be made to keep the overall nursery program more financially sound," West said.

When the nursery first began production of Fraser fir seedlings in 1970, almost all the seedlings planted in North Carolina were coming from the Linville River Nursery. In 2016, less than 9 percent of the Fraser fir seedlings planted in the state were produced by the N.C. Forest Service.

The Linville Nursery is a small operation funded by the sale of Fraser fir and eastern white pine seedlings. The NCFS decided to stop growing seedlings at the location because sales income was not covering production costs, West said. The nursery had an average shortfall of \$104,000 in each of the last four years.

The production of eastern white pine seedlings will be relocated to Claridge Nursery in Goldsboro, where all other species grown by N.C. Forest Service are produced. This move will use available staff and facilities, while combining resources for more efficient operations, West said.

Three staff members will be affected by the Linville nursery's closure. Two will be transferred to other positions within the NCFS, and a position for the third person is being sought. Until then, affected employees will be involved in relocating equipment and resources to Claridge Nursery.

The Linville Nursery is located at the NCFS Mountain Training Facility, and the nursery's lands and buildings will be transferred to that program. The remaining Fraser fir seed in storage will be offered for sale to the public over the next several years to maintain market stability. ■

FORESTRY LICENSE PLATE "First in Forestry" license plates are available for purchase from the NC Division of Motor Vehicles online and at offices throughout the state. \$20 goes toward forestry education programs in the state on each purchase.



FULL SPEED AHEAD!

NCFA ANNUAL MEETING
HILTON RIVERSIDE
WILMINGTON
OCTOBER 4-6, 2017

SHAVENDER FISH FRY ATTRACTS CROWD

Some 40 years ago, Buddy Shavender started his trucking company, and he thought it would be a nice gesture to sit down to lunch with the people he did business with in the forest products industry. Simple enough.

The lunch consisted of four people, Buddy Shavender of Shavender Trucking, John Underwood with Union Camp, Linwood Canady with Georgia-Pacific, and Bill Reid with Champion International.

"I just thought it was an appropriate time to sit down and say thanks for doing business with me," stated Shavender.

The next year the luncheon doubled in size to include Barry Morgan and Johnny Gardener of Summit Lumber and Charlie Wrightson and Ken Burquise of Weyerhaeuser. And so it began.

Year after year, as Shavender Trucking increased its footprint in eastern North Carolina, so did the reputation of the annual Herring Fry.

"I don't even want to try to count the miles we have covered since then," stated Shavender with a chuckle, "but you can see here today from the crowd that it was a lot."

Herring Fry 2017 attracted over 140 people! Not so simple these days. And judging by the smiles on everyone's face who enjoyed sampling outstanding food from the River's Edge Restaurant, it was another tremendous success.

In addition to saying Thank You to his friends in the forest products industry, Shavender also took the time to promote his upcoming Log A Load fundraising event, The 22nd Annual Colony Tire Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot, that benefits the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.



(l-r) Frank Toney of Toney Lumber and Fay Raynor of Domtar enjoyed the Shavender Annual Fish Fry.

The event takes place on August 4-5, 2017 at the Rose Hill Farm (3881 Rose Hill Lane, Nashville, NC). Registration is only a \$65 donation and \$35 for youth under 15. There will be 50 rounds of sporting clays fun with several different Lewis Class competitions for men, women and youth. A total of 27 guns will be awarded in all. In addition, there will be a separate raffle drawing during the competitions for guns.

For information on how to participate in this charity event, please contact Buddy Shavender at buddy@shavender.com or (252) 229-2344. There are sponsorship opportunities available. ■

LOG A LOAD EVENTS IN 2017

Golf Tournament at Scotch Meadows Country Club -

May 25, 2017 at Scotch Meadows CC. 1 p.m. shotgun start followed by dinner. \$65 per player. \$200 for sponsorship. Contact Scott Brewer for more info at Scott.Brewer1@paper.com.

Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot -

August 4-5, 2017 at Rose Hill Farm in Nashville, NC

Golf Tournament at River Landing -

October 19, 2017 at River Landing in Wallace, NC



(l-r) Buddy Shavender and Linwood Canady pose for a photo at the start of the Shavender Herring Fry that takes place annually in Jamesville.

There were over 140 people in attendance for food and fellowship.

PRESIDENT'S NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER SEEKS TO PROMOTE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order, entitled *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*. The Executive Order requires all federal agencies to identify all rules or policies that could burden domestic energy development and submit a plan to revise them within 180 days. It requires EPA to review and likely rescind the Clean Power Plan and related rules and the Interior Department to do the same with energy rules related to federal land. Finally, it rescinds various policies affecting energy development, including the Climate Action Plan and those related to the social cost of greenhouse gases.

Points of Interest:

1. While the review of rules burdensome to domestic energy development directs "particular attention" to oil, natural gas, coal and nuclear, it provides an overall policy statement in the first section of the EO recognizing the importance of these energy sources plus "other domestic sources, including renewable sources."

2. Directs the EPA to review the Clean Power Plan and the new source greenhouse gas rules for consistency with the EO and take appropriate action to suspend, revise or rescind the rules. The EPA has sent a notice for publication to the Federal Register initiating the review of the Clean Power Plan.

3. Directs the EPA to similarly review the proposed model trading rules and revise or withdraw them.

4. Authorizes the Attorney General, after being informed by the EPA of any action taken under the above directions, to request appropriate action by the court pending completion of the action by the EPA. The Attorney General has asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit to suspend the challenges to the Clean Power Plan until the EPA completes its review and any subsequent rulemaking.

5. Revokes the Presidential Memorandum of November 3, 2015 ("Mitigating Impacts on Natural Resources from Development and Encouraging Related Private Investment").

6. Directs the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to rescind the "Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in National Environmental Policy Act Reviews."

7. Directs all agencies to identify and take appropriate steps to suspend, revise or rescind any policies or rules related to or arising from the above Presidential actions. The Secretary of the Interior has revoked a 2013 Secretarial Order on mitigation and directed Interior agencies such as the Fish and Wildlife Service to review all policies related to the EO and take appropriate action.

Thanks to Dave Tenny, President and CEO of the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO), for sharing this information. ■

REPI Challenge Grant...(from page 1)

training that goes on in North Carolina," stated Troxler. "The development of high towers and lights can defeat this training."

Colonel Michael L. Scalise, Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, was on hand to express his gratitude and congratulations on behalf of all of the armed forces that call North Carolina home.



Marine Corps Colonel Michael Scalise thanked North Carolina's citizens for creating a military friendly environment.

"It is indeed a pleasure for me to be here today," stated Colonel Scalise. "I want to extend my sincerest appreciation on behalf of all the military services and installations in the state of North Carolina for pursuing this REPI challenge. Who knew that North Carolina would walk off with all of the funds given the stiff competition for this coveted designation and award. Who would have thought that so soon being designated a Sentinel Landscape State, that these critical resources could become available. Finally, who knew in just a short period of time that the stars would be aligned at the state level to establish Sentinel Landscape legislation and to propose the critical funding and technical resources needed to be successful for a long time to come."

Of the \$9.2 million grant, \$5.8 million will be used by the Marine Corps to establish an easement and support the creation of habitat for the red-cockaded woodpecker on more than 12,100 acres of state-owned land. This will free up Marine Corps lands for training.

The Air Force will use the remaining \$3.4 million to protect more than 4,500 acres of high-priority land necessary to maintain training airspace for the Dare County Range, the primary training range for F-15E aircraft crews at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro.

The REPI award will be matched with funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and the N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.

Colonel Scalise pointed out that it takes more than public policy and funding to make a partnership like the Sentinel Landscape Partnership successful. It needs public support from the citizens of North Carolina.

"Agribusiness and the military are the two largest economic engines in the state and it makes sense that the two would look for ways to gain mutually beneficial outcomes," stated Scalise. "But it takes more than just economic development and collaboration to be a great military friendly state, it takes the patriotism of its people and that no fail attitude."

Colonel Scalise closed his comments by offering his gratitude for the work done in North Carolina and the bright future the state has in terms of its military partnership.

"For those of us in uniform, we are all in for Sentinel Landscapes, so let's get busy and taking full advantage of what this day has brought," stated Colonel Scalise. "We view this Sentinel Landscape funding as a cornerstone for the future - one where North Carolina aggressively leads the nation in protecting its military training and mission - showing once again that this is the most military friendly state in the nation. Thank you all for your efforts and continued support."

One of the critical elements of the Sentinel Landscape Partnership is state appropriations from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide an oversight committee and other essential infrastructure for the partnership.

Despite being engaged in budget discussions, Senator Harry Brown and Representative John Bell were on hand for the announcement.

"I want to thank all the conservation groups involved in this process,"



Senator Harry Brown thanked his fellow members of the General Assembly for their support of the Eastern Sentinel Landscape Partnership.

stated Senator Harry Brown. "I want to thank my fellow members of the General Assembly that have really supported us on this issues - whether it is farmland preservation, more money in clean water, and our forestry partners that understand what conservation really means. It takes a team. As we grow, there are whole lot of threats that are showing up constantly, it is a challenge for all of us to how we can try to mitigate those challenges the best we can. It's going to take a lot of hard work."

Representative Bell was equally appreciative to be on hand for the announcement.

"As my good friend Representative Jimmy Dixon would say, anytime you can combine our two largest economic impacts - food and freedom - it's a great day in North Carolina," stated Representative Bell. "So thank you for what you are doing. Commissioner Troxler, thank you for your leadership. Once again, we have proven that we will do anything in our power to make North Carolina the most military friendly state in the country."

Prior to the REPI funding announcement, the NCFCA presented Commissioner Troxler with a Lifetime Membership Award to the association for his dedication to North Carolina's working farms and forests.

"Time and time again, Commissioner Troxler has proven to be a true champion of working lands," stated NCFCA Executive Vice President Pryor Gibson. "Our forests and forest products industry are well served by his leadership."

About the N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund - Agriculture and agribusiness make up North Carolina's largest industry, with an economic impact of \$84 billion. The military is second at \$66 billion. The funding and related work of the Sentinel Landscape Partnership will help both industries.

About the Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partnership - In 2016, the federal government designated 33 counties as the Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partnership. The designation is part of a joint federal partnership between the federal departments of Agriculture, Interior and Defense that aims to strengthen farms, ranches and forests while conserving habitat and natural resources and protecting vital training grounds for military installations. North Carolina is the only state to have multiple military branches, military installations and counties named as part of the designation. ■

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MAY 2017



(right) NCFA President Bernard Rose presented North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler with a Lifetime Membership Award for his support of forestry and the NCFA over the years.

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

- 5/2-4 FRA Meeting - Charleston, SC
- 5/2 NCFA Forestry Day - Raleigh, NC
- 5/2 FFPAC Reverse Raffle - Raleigh, NC
- 5/3 NCFA Board Meeting - Raleigh, NC
- 5/9-10 FMIC Board Meeting - Myrtle Beach, SC
- 5/10 Tree Farm Forest Summit Meeting - Rural Center, Raleigh, NC
- 5/17 NC SFI SIC Meeting - Raleigh, NC
- 5/18 SLTC Meeting - Cabelas, Garner, NC
- 5/24-25 ProLogger Base Course - Montgomery, CC - Troy, NC
- 6/5-9 FMIC Loss Control Meeting - Lake Gaston, NC
- 6/7-9 NC SAF Annual Meeting - Dunn, NC
- 6/19-22 Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience, New Bern, NC
- 6/26-29 Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience, Asheville, NC
- 6/30 **ProLogger Module 17 Class And Dues Deadline**
- 7/18-21 Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience, Southern Pines
- 7/19 NC SFI SIC Grant Committee Meeting - Raleigh, NC
- 7/31-8/4 OSH Training With FMIC And NCFA, Howell Woods
- 8/1-4 OSH Training With FMIC And NCFA, Howell Woods, Smithfield, NC
- 8/4-5 Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot, Rose Hill Farm in Nashville, NC
- 8/17 SLTC Meeting at Mid-Atlantic Logging Expo Site - 9:30 a.m.
- 9/15-16 Mid-Atlantic Logging and Biomass Expo, Smithfield/Selma, NC
- 9/28-30 American Loggers Council Meeting - TBD
- 10/4-6 NCFA Annual Meeting, Wilmington, NC
- 10/6 NCFA Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Wilmington, NC
- 10/11-12 ProLogger Base Class, Marion, NC
- 10/18 SLTC Meeting, TBA, 9:30 a.m.
- 10/19 Log A Load Golf Tournament, Wilmington, NC
- 10/23-27 NCFA Forestry & Environmental Camp, Wilmington, NC



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