



Open Pine Forest Management for Wildlife Field Day

Thursday, December 7, 2023 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Caney Lakes Recreation Area – Caney Ranger District Kisatchie National Forest

From Minden, LA, at intersection of US 79 and State Rt. 159, take Rt. 159 north 4.7 miles to Caney Lakes Recreation Area sign (County Rt. 111 - Caney Lake Rd.). Turn left onto Rt. 111 and go 2.4 miles to Caney Lake campground sign (Forest Rt. 810). Turn left onto Rt. 810. Bear left just past Caney Lakes entrance kiosk. Approx. location 200 Caney Lake Park Road Minden, LA 71055

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Target Audience: AR-LA Conservation Delivery Network Members

Description: Develop and refine skills to provide technical assistance to landowners/managers, using various methods, treatments & management practices of forest stands to benefit priority wildlife species.

9:15 am **Overview of CDN – Purpose and Outcomes Today**
CDN Co-Chairs Ricky Chastain and David Breithaupt

9:30 am **Welcome to the Kisatchie & Caney Ranger District**
Ron Fisher, Ranger, Jeff Bass, Silviculturist, & Robert Smith, Wildlife Biologist – Background, Objectives, and Operations of the Caney Ranger District and Kisatchie National Forest.

Arrange Carpooling and Caravan Travels North

10:15 am **Site 1: Open Pine – What and Why?**
Open pine management, treatments on the Caney, future plans and challenges on the Caney, timing (age) species considerations;

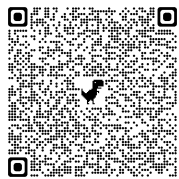
10:45 am **Site 2: Shortleaf Pine - Restoration and Management**
Importance of soils, management considerations with soils, Ecological Site Descriptions – choosing Shortleaf in restoration, Shortleaf artificial regeneration and prescribed fire

12:00 pm **Lunch at Bucktail Camp– Discussion: Technical Assistance for Landowners**
Landowner incentives for open pine - cost share programs, PBAs, and more

1:30 pm **Site 3: Treatment Options on Forest Stands**
Management options in precommercial pine; management options in mature pine with dense midstory; open pine structure and future management options; stand conditions for wildlife habitat.

2:00 pm **Site 4: Restoration and Bird Management**
Low basal area and desirable understory community; species specific habitat requirements- quail, turkey, and other priority birds

3:00 pm **Return to Caney Lake Recreation Area & Adjourn**



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