

AGENDA **(Social Distance Leadership at TPWD)**

NETX CDN General Membership Meeting

Virtual Meeting - ZOOM

September 15, 2020 9:30 am - 12 noon

10 min - CDN Business and Annual Review - Lee Andersen, Annie Farrell, and Bill Bartush

- **2017 – 2020 HIP Summary and 2020 HIP Projects and Management (Annie Farrell)**

15 min - Working Groups: Progress and News – Improving Project Proposal Success – Steps in the RFP process; Fire; Open Pine, Neches, Trinity River; CDN work group has some holes to fill, and new leadership is always welcome: “Open Discussion” is desired here.

5 min - TLIT & GRIP working together, and overlapping counties discussion (Flyer and Map)

15 min - Rx Fire Opportunity – TFS (Lee Andersen and Andy McCrady)

15 min - Q&A – Round Table Chat Room Questions - Open Forum response from Leadership:

Penny Wilkerson, Reuben Gay, Lee Andersen, Annie Farrell, Keith McKnight, Rusty Wood, Robert Speight, Jamie Hooker

10:45-11:00

BREAK

10 min - Continuing Education – NETX & TLIT ZOOM, You Tube & Video Options (Jamie Hooker)

Funding and Future Partnership Opportunities

- **10 min - Grant Funds 2021-2025 – how much is remaining; what is needed (forecast for HIP funds, Stamp, PR and Foundation, USDA, or DOI "outlooks". (Jeff Raasch, CDN Leadership)**
- **10 min - RCPP Piney Woods – fire and thinning (Bill Bartush and Will Newman)**
 - NFWF and RCPP – expanding opportunity for farm bill funding priority practices
- **10 min - TLIT - NFWF review NFWF funds (Jenny Sanders)**
- **15 min - River Access Conservation Areas (RACA) Program (Marcos DeJesus)**
- **15 min - OPJV, Fire Coordination and connection NETX/TLIT (Derek Wiley and Thomas Janke)**

Q&A for CDN Members –

- **What Information or training would you like to see developed through the CDN?**
- **Are there project RFP issues that could make proposal development easier?**
- **Should we, or could we, make improvements on delivery map?**

Northeast Texas CDN Working Groups – Working Group Designated “Chairs”

Neches River Priority Area

- Leo Gustafson USFWS
- Jason Ellis TFS
- Jason Hardin TPWD
- Annie Farrell NWTf
- Jim Mueller USFWS
- Jim Neal Caddo Lake Institute
- **Jeff Reid USFWS**
- Rusty Wood TPWD

Caddo Lake-Big Cypress Bayou Priority Area

- Dave Campbell TPWD
- Ron Deroche USFWS
- David Bezanson TNC
- Vanessa Neace TPWD
- Jim Neal Caddo Lake Institute
- Jeff Reid USFWS PFW
- **Robert Speight NETMWD** and Caddo Lake Bio Alliance
- Colin McDonald
- Mandy Gordon
- Mike Vanbuskirk

Red River Corridor Priority Area

- Steve Arey USFWS PFW
- Kenneth Gee Oaks & Prairies Joint Venture
- Brandon Belcher TNC
- **Ragan White TPWD**
- Penny Wilkerson TPWD
- Clay Shipes TPWD

Sabine River Corridor Priority Area

- Lee Andersen TFS
- Chris Farrell TPWD
- **Larry Le Beau TPWD**
- Brandon Belcher TNC
- Kevin Herriman TPWD
- Jim Neal Caddo Lake Institute
- Cliff Shackelford TPWD

Sulphur River Corridor Priority Area

- Luke Baker TPWD
- Matt Seavey USACE
- Trevor Tanner TPWD

- **Penny Wilkerson TPWD**
- Steve Arey USFWS PFW
- Missy F. Singleton, USFWS-PFW
- Brian Pope, TFS

Trinity River Corridor Priority Area

- **Reuben Gay TPWD**
- Dave Holdermann TPWD
- Jim Mueller USFWS
- Cliff Shackelford TPWD
- Rusty Wood TPWD
- Clay Shipes TPWD
- Sean Willis
- Bing, Brandon - NRCS,
- Heidi Kryger
- Jason Hardin
- Mason Conley
- Matt Symmank
- Sarah Grella

Open Pine/Shortleaf/Longleaf Forest Ecosystem Priority

- **Jamie Hooker NWTF**
- Courtney McInerney TPWD
- Jason Ellis TFS
- Dave Holdermann TPWD
- Jim Mueller USFWS
- Jim Neal Caddo Lake Institute
- Cliff Shackelford TPWD
- Rusty Wood TPWD
- Robert Allen USFWS

Working Dogs for Conservation Project (Changing to Outreach & Education)

- Tim Bister TPWD
- Meredith Longoria TPWD
- Vanessa Neace TPWD
- Jim Neal Caddo Lake Institute
- **Laura Speight SP8 Ecoservices**
- Andrea Webb TPWD

Fire Work Group

- Lee Anderson TFS
 - John Hawkins TFS
 - Brian Pope TFS
 - Toni Aguilar TPWD
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CDN Opportunities for Training

October 2, 2020 (1-5 pm) TWS Conference Workshop Title: How to Speak (Understand) Forestry for Wildlife Biologists (<https://wildlife.org/2020-conference/>) Cost-Membership \$150 + \$30 registration

October 7, 2020 9:00 am - 3:30 pm - prescribed fire to manage glades for quail and plant communities.
<https://oakfirescience.com/events/glades-quail-and-prescribed-fire-workshop-in-arkansas/>
<https://oakfirescience.com/download/2020-newsletters/July-2020.pdf>

Registration is required, attendance is limited to the first 100 registrants [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

October 20-23, 2020: 13th Biennial Longleaf Conference Virtual / online for more information

November 19, 2020 - 12 – 1:30 PM EST Pairing Historical Fire Regimes with Silviculture
<https://oakfirescience.com/download/2020-newsletters/July-2020.pdf>

December 8, 2020: Webinar: Litter to glitter: releasing the herbaceous ground-layer potential stored in oak forest floors <https://oakfirescience.com/events>

You Tube Training videos

TWS Workshop Announcement

As part of The Wildlife Society (TWS) Virtual Conference (<https://wildlife.org/2020-conference/>), a workshop will be offered to familiarize wildlife biologists with forestry and forest management.

Title: How to Speak (and Understand) Forestry for Wildlife Biologists (Everything You Wanted to Know About Forestry but Were Afraid to Ask: Insights from Forest Wildlife Biologists)

Description: Our title says it all – participate in our virtual workshop at the upcoming TWS Annual Conference to learn all about forestry and how it relates to wildlife management. Nine forest wildlife biologists from across the US and Canada will provide unique perspectives into how forest management profoundly affects structure and function of forests. We want to help bridge the gap between wildlife biologists and foresters! Our goals are to introduce basic forestry principles, clarify terminology, and forestry objectives, and better understand how to integrate forestry and wildlife conservation objectives. Our session will be informal, and we will encourage interaction/questions from workshop participants – we want you to ask questions you have not had the chance to before! Be sure to register for our workshop when you register for the conference or add our workshop after you've registered via your TWS account.

When: Oct. 2, 2020 (1-5 pm ET)

Cost: \$15 for students/\$30 for professionals (plus conference registration)

Supported by: TWS Forestry and Wildlife Working Group, TWS Biological Diversity Working Group, Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Cafferata Consulting, LLC

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Open Pine Trainings/Field Days – Areas of Consideration & Discussion

1. **Open Pine in the Southeast US:** NWTF Foresters and partnering agencies talk about silvicultural practices for open pine forests in southeastern states. Look at the challenges of different sites and soils, restoration efforts, prescribed fire. Discuss effects of open pine management on endangered, threatened, and declining species in each region.
2. **East TX Open Pine Tour:** Hear management strategies for open pine in ETX. Discuss herbicide use, prescribed fire regimes, natural regen on National Forests, and optimal basal area/canopy coverage for the desired understory. Potential “showcase” spots: Fox Hunter’s Hill (Sabine NF), FRC land in Newton County, Scrappin Valley properties, Boykin Springs (Angelina NF)
3. **Ecologic and Economic Impacts of Open Pine:** Discuss how timber and wildlife management can both benefit from open pine management strategies (thinning, prescribed fire, herbicide). Compare the economic and ecologic costs/benefits for “typical” pine plantations vs open pine stands. Travel to private properties where landowners are actively managing for both wildlife and timber production (up for suggestions, I only know for sure the Winston’s).
4. **Open Pine vs Pine Plantation Structure from Establishment to Harvest:** Discuss the different management strategies used in pine plantation management vs open pine management. Look at the differences in understory structure, plant diversity, and wildlife diversity as the stands age. Involve Cliff Shackelford, Rusty Wood, Dan Saenz, etc. with discussions on wildlife use in each type of stand at the different age classes.