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FORESTRY SCHOOL: SILVICULTURE, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Vermont Woodlands Association invites you to its Forestry School Workshop on Silviculture, Recreation and Wildlife Management on Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 9:00am – 3:30pm at Sterling Forest in Stowe, VT. This is a full-day field experience.

Forests, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Michael Snyder will lead this session on silviculture, recreation and wildlife management with emphasis on techniques used by foresters, wildlife biologists and landowners to implement multiple, inter-related objectives in forest management. The field site is the Sterling Forest in Stowe, which is a 1,750-acre municipal forest that is heavily used for recreation, including VAST snow machine trails, VIMBA mountain bike trails, and the Catamount Trail, but is also actively managed for forest products and wildlife habitat.

Participants will meet at the Stowe Town Hall (Akeley Memorial Building), 67 Main Street in Stowe Village where they will hear from David Paganelli, Vermont Woodlands Association Board member and Orange County Forester, Commissioner Michael Snyder, and Steve Hagenbuch, Conservation Biologist with Audubon Vermont. Following lunch folks will travel to Sterling Forest for a walking tour to see recent forest management activities and to hear about landowner objectives, silviculture and operational methods used to accomplish many inter-related forestry objectives, and the effects of recent forest management on migratory songbirds.

This event will be held rain or shine and there is moderate hiking. Bring a bag lunch. Cost is \$25 (non-refundable) and pre-registration is required. To view full agenda and to download registration please visit www.vermontwoodlands.org/forestry-school.asp. Sponsored by the Vermont Woodlands Association and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Funding, in part, by USDA Forest Service & VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Rec.

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