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RIFCO Winter Workshop: Working in and around Forested Wetlands

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization (RIFCO), in cooperation with the RI Tree Farm Program and the RI DEM Division of Agriculture & Forest Environment, is presenting a free workshop on the recent changes to RI DEM's Wetland Regulations and the recently-revised forestry Best Management Practices manual on March 13, 2025, from 9am until noon, at the Camp E-Hun-Tee educational facility, located at 1-B Camp E-Hun-Tee Place, off of Frosty Hollow Road in the Arcadia Management Area, Exeter, RI.

The recent changes to the Forestry Exemptions under the RI Wetlands Act's regulations are the subject of a new edition of the "Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality Protection" guidebook, generally referred to as the BMP Manual. Forest Stewardship Program forester Fern Graves will present the changes to the regulations that must be followed by Wood Operators and woodland owners as they operate in areas that have streams and forested wetlands, including vernal pools.

We will visit a site within the Arcadia Management Area that will soon be part of a harvest operation for on-site examples of buffer zones, wetland and stream crossing requirements, minimum stocking levels retained within forested wetlands, and other aspects of proper implementation of forestry operations to protect water quality.

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The program is free, with pre-registration requested. For more information, view the full agenda, get directions to the site, and to register for the workshop, go to www.rifco.org.

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and wise use of Rhode Island's forest resources. RIFCO is also a co-sponsor of the RI Tree Farm Program, and an affiliate of the National Woodland Owner's Association. To sign up for RIFCO's monthly e-news, visit us at www.rifco.org.

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