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**RIFCO SPRING PROGRAM: FOREST & WILDLIFE PROJECTS AT THE RIFCO
WOODLOT**

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization (RIFCO) will conduct its Annual Spring Program at its Merriman Demonstration Woodlot in Foster, RI on Saturday, May 17th from 9 a.m. to noon. The guided walk will include the viewing of several projects that RIFCO has been working on to enhance wildlife habitat and forest health, including spring nesting season bird identification, the 5-year results of our slash wall project, the 20-year old 2-acre patch cut, and a couple of forest thinning areas.

“Our 40-acre woodlot in Foster has several projects that we’ve been working on”, said RIFCO President Bill Fortune of Foster. “We’ll check out our projects that we’ve done over the past twenty years under our forest management plan and with our forester.” Those topics will include tree and bird identification, mushroom log demonstration, invasive plant control methods, deer-browse impacts, forest ecology and other woodlot management topics.

The property is located at the end of Briggs Road, at its intersection with Howard Hill Road in Foster, RI. Parking directions and signage will be set up on site, and the program will start at 9 am. The RIFCO Spring Program is free and open to the public. Directions to the site are available by calling RIFCO at (401)568-3410, or one can go to www.rifco.org for more information.

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