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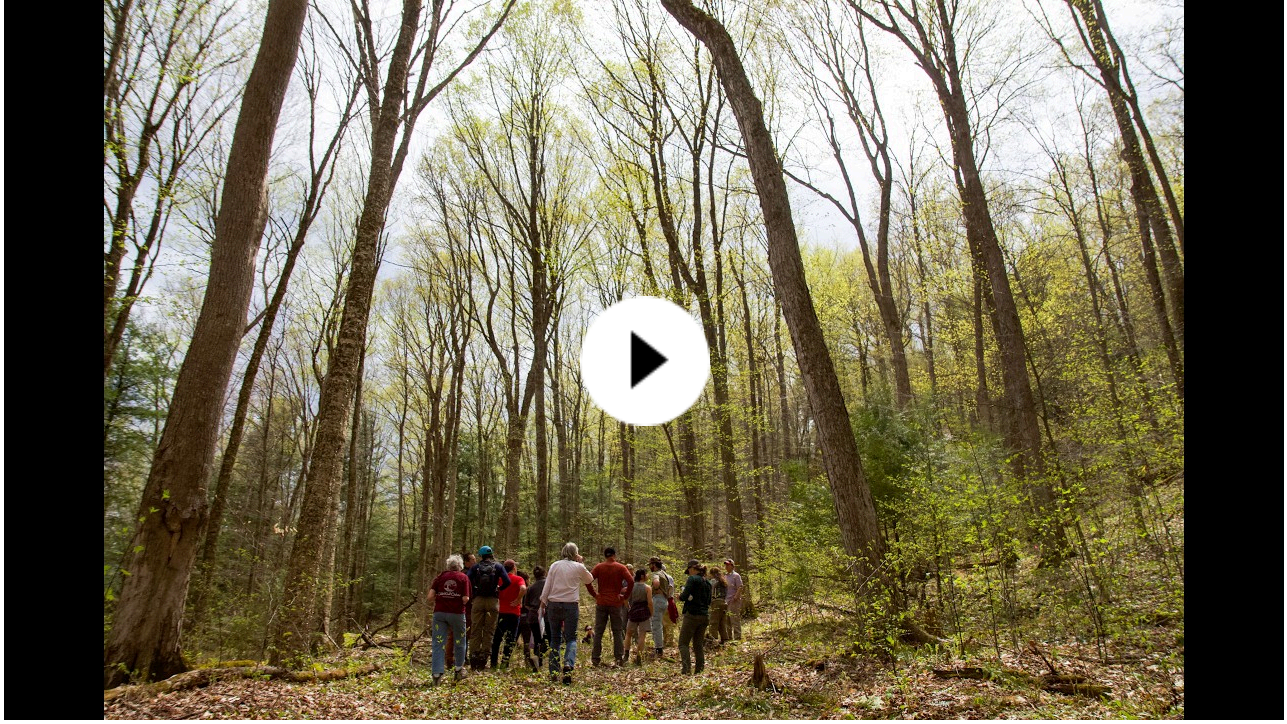
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Forest Stewardship Guide for Climate Change Impacts

Dr. Ali Kosiba was recently interviewed about the new booklet, *Forests in a Changing Climate: A Guide to Impacts, Species Shifts, and Stewardship Options*. During the interview, Dr. Kosiba discusses key topics, including the multiple stressors contributing to tree decline, stewardship practices landowners can use to promote forest resilience, tree species better adapted to future climate conditions, the role of upland forests in managing water, and resources and opportunities available to Vermont landowners.

Read the Interview

Read the Guide (PDF)



Watch for Spotted Lanternfly

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation are encouraging Vermonters to watch for spotted lanternfly adults and egg masses. This invasive insect has spread throughout the Northeast but has not yet established a confirmed population in Vermont. Spotted lanternflies feed on a variety of plants and pose a particular threat to grapevines. Vermonters can help prevent their spread by checking vehicles, outdoor equipment, and trees for adults and egg masses, especially during the fall. Suspected sightings should be photographed and reported to VTInvasives.org.

Read the Article of How to Identify and Report Spotted Lanternfly



Vermont Timber Disaster Assistance Program

The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation has announced the Vermont Timber Disaster Assistance Program, offering financial assistance to eligible forest landowners and logging contractors who **experienced timber losses from qualifying weather events in 2023 and 2024**.

The program provides reimbursement for standing and harvested timber losses, licensed forester assessments, forest management plan updates, and certain costs associated with restoring logging operations and water quality protection practices.

Eligible applicants may receive up to **95% of covered losses**, with a **maximum award of $75,000 during the first phase**.

Applications are **open October 26, 2026**, and **close December 31, 2026**.

Learn More About the Program and How to Apply

Upcoming Featured Events

Rooted in Place Ecological Symposium: The Living Forest

Sunday | November 1 | Berkshire Botanical Garden

Hosted by Berkshire Botanical Garden, this symposium brings together forest ecologists, foresters, and other natural resource professionals for a series of presentations exploring forest ecology and management.

Dr. Ali Kosiba, Extension Assistant Professor with the University of Vermont, will present "Forests, Carbon, and Climate Change".

Learn More and Register (Here)

Bat House Building Workshop and Woodswalk

Sunday | November 1, 10-12:30 PM | Jericho, VT

Hosted by Vermont Woodland Owners Association and the UVM Jericho Research Forest learn about bat habitat with Vermont state bat biologist, Alyssa Bennett and Jess Wikle from UVM. Explore bat habitat at Jericho Research Forest in the morning followed by bat house construction.

Space is limited registration is required.

Learn more and Register

2026 Vermont Maple Conference

Weekends | November 6-8 and 21-22 | Lyndonville, VT

Hosted by UVM Extension and Vermont Maple Sugar Maker's Association offers three days for the entire maple community including sugar makers, foresters, and beginner and experts.

Learn More and Register

Maple Quality School, Friday, 11/6: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., limited to 25 attendees, $75 (includes lunch and quality kit). Featuring Mark Isselhardt from UVM Extension and Jason Lilley from UMaine Extension. This hands-on, in-depth session will cover the science behind great and off-flavored syrup, the best measurement tools and how to use them, and will offer plenty of hands-on activities to refine your skills. A “must attend” for new and experienced producers!

Full Day Conference, Saturday, 11/7: 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., $40 (or $20 for students), includes lunch, tradeshow, all in-person sessions. Join us for a day of education, guest speakers, and plenty of time to network. Saturday’s sessions will be recorded for registrants’ future enjoyment and learning. Remember to bring up to four syrup samples for UVM Extension's Maple Syrup Quality Testing Lab (a free service)!

Sugarhouse Bus Tour, Sunday, 11/8: 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., limited to 50 attendees, $50 (includes morning coffee/pastries and lunch). Join us to visit four sugarhouses in Windsor County with operations large and small - from Bird Friendly, to using solar, Organic Certified, to offering on farm stays. We’ll have great conversations at each stop and be back in plenty of time for dinner.

Game of Logging Levels 1-4

Weekends | November 7-8 and 21-22 | Danby, VT

Hosted by Smokey House Center, instructors from Game of Logging are offering Level 1&2 and 3&4 weekend trainings. These courses teach timber harvesters, forest landowners, public workers, college students, and forestry tech school students safe techniques to operate/maintain chain saws, directionally fell trees under a variety of circumstances, and to process wood products.

Learn more and Register for Level 3 & 4 on November 7-8

Learn more and Register for Level 1 & 2 on November 21-22

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