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KWOA Wood Post

KWOA Updates

Register Now for the 2026 KWOA Annual Conference

Registration is open for the Fall KWOA Annual Conference to be held **October 19–21**, in Berea, Kentucky.

Reserve your room in Berea at Boone Tavern by September 19 or at the Holiday Inn Express by October 12.

Learn more and register at kwoa.net/post/2026-kwoa-annual-conference.



Remembering Jim Vincent

Longtime KWOA Board Member Jim Vincent passed away earlier this month. Read Jim's story from our *In Their Own Woods* series, as well as his obituary [here](#).

Donate to KWOF in Memory of Jim Vincent at kwoa.net/donate#kwof-donation. Please note that your donation is in Jim's honor as you complete the form.



Remembering Jim Corum Sr.

Longtime KWOA Board Member and Board Member Emeritus Jim Corum passed away earlier this month. Read Jim's obituary [here](#).

Congratulations, Dr. James "Greg" Kuhns!
2026 Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award Recipient



Photo Courtesy of KY NRCS

Kentucky Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee Notes

Director Brandon Howard hosted the annual meeting of the Kentucky Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee on October 5 at the division's headquarters in Frankfort. The division provided an update on the Forest Stewardship and Forest Legacy programs. Agencies present included the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves, Kentucky Natural Lands Trust, Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters, Kentucky Division of Conservation, Farm Services Agency, US Forest Service, Kentucky Forest Industries Association, and KWOA was represented by President Scott Taylor.



After the Division of Forestry program and partner updates, discussions focused on opportunities to increase landowner participation in forest management. Recognizing barriers for landowners such as taxes, access to technical assistance, federal cost-share availability, forest practice vendors, and access to educational opportunities, the participants discussed ideas to address issues.

KWOA will continue to be involved in discussions and keep members informed of opportunities as they arise.



*U.S. Endowment for Forestry, Communities
Release Forestry Market Action Plan*

**Read the Article from
Woodworking Network**

*Why National Forests Allow Logging
And Grazing*

**Read the Article from World
Atlas**

Proposed Changes to the Roadless Rule

From the Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has proposed rescinding the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, commonly known as the Roadless Rule. The rule currently limits road construction, road reconstruction, and most timber harvesting activities in designated roadless areas within national forests. According to USDA, removing the rule would provide local forest managers with greater flexibility to address issues such as wildfire risk, forest health, insect infestations, and other resource management needs. The agency states that decisions affecting these areas would continue to be made through individual forest planning processes rather than through a nationwide restriction.

Supporters of the proposal argue that increased local decision-making could improve access for forest management activities and reduce regulatory constraints. Others have expressed concerns that rescinding the rule could lead to additional road building and development in currently protected forest areas, potentially affecting recreation, wildlife habitat, and watersheds. The proposed change does not automatically authorize new roads or timber harvests but would remove the national-level protections currently applied to many inventoried roadless areas.

Members who wish to provide input can submit comments during the public comment period, which is open through September 21, 2026. Comments may be submitted electronically through [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) using docket number **FS-2025-0001** or RIN **0596-AD66**, or by mail to the USDA Forest Service. The agency encourages commenters to focus on specific aspects of the proposal and explain the reasons for any recommended changes. All submitted comments will become part of the public record and will be considered as USDA reviews the proposal and accompanying environmental analysis.

Upcoming Events & Learning Opportunities

Congratulations to Portia and Jerry Brown!
2025 Kentucky Tree Farmers of the Year
2025 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year for the North Central Region



Kentucky Tree Farmer of the Year Field Day

Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 1:00 - 6:00 PM CT
Leitchfield, KY (Grayson County)

Register for the KY Tree Farmer of the Year Field Day by September 17 at
forestry.mgcafe.uky.edu/TF-2025.

SAF Free Webinar Opportunity

Managing for More: Harvesting, Carbon Revenue, and a Resilient Forest

September 10, 2026 | 1:00 PM ET



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Foresters are increasingly navigating the intersection of timber management and carbon markets. Join us to examine how harvesting strategies affect carbon stocking and sequestration, which practices are recognized as climate-smart forestry, and how landowners can continue active forest management and earn revenue while participating in carbon programs. This webinar is intended for foresters, natural resource managers/land managers and landowners (and others interested in participating in similar programs).

[Learn more and register here.](#)



From the Woods Today | Wednesdays at 11 a.m. ET

Join live via Zoom or Facebook, or watch recorded shows later on the website at
fromthewoodstoday.com. Links to live shows are posted just before the show.

Yale SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The Forest School

Yale Forestry Forum online series returns this fall on Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m. U.S. EST, September 3 – December 10, with *Unlocking Forest Sector Innovation: The Practice and Potential Pathways to Scaling Up*. [Learn more and register at yff.yale.edu](http://yff.yale.edu).

Need Help in the Woods?

Bookmark the [Quick Reference Links](#) on KWOA website[[home page at kwoa.net](http://kwoa.net)]

- **Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) Vendors List:** [HERE](#) and https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/Documents/Statewide_Vendor_List_2-8-17.pdf
- **Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters lists** at KYACE.org
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA)** are the primary source of information on programs to help you carry out management practices on your land. Use this link to find your local office [Local USDA Service Centerr](#)
- **UK Forestry and Natural Resources Cooperative Extension** offers a wealth of helpful publications and programming; learn more <https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/extension>. Also find [your county office](#) and then know you are interested in forestry related programs.

Planning a Harvest?

A Kentucky Master Logger must be on-site and in charge of every commercial logging operation (excluding horse loggers). Kentucky's best management practices must be used in every commercial logging operation (including horse loggers). Best to Check Out These Resources:

- Kentucky Master Logger Program: masterlogger.ca.uky.edu
- Kentucky Division of Forestry: forestry.ky.gov
- Bad Actor Information & List: masterlogger.ca.uky.edu/bad-actor-information
- Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters: KYACE.org

Just so you know...

- If you haven't already joined the KWOA network, [click here to join](#).
- KWOA members receive a 10% discount at [Forestry Suppliers](#). Get the *code* when you join! Note the code is on your emailed receipt when you join or renew online.
- You can share our news! See the links at the bottom of this message.
- You can always contact us; send a message to info@kwoa.net with questions, suggestions, news, or to volunteer.

Growing Forests for Our Future! KWOA volunteers work year-round, providing opportunities that benefit Kentucky's woodland owners and contribute to sustainable forestry.

KWOA Mission

Bringing people and woodland sustainability together

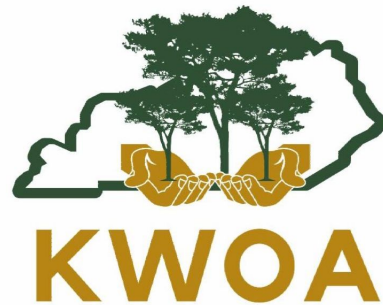
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