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Agenda:

Webinar 1: October 15, 2020, 2 pm ET; How to Sell Your Timber
Scott Sager, Forester, UF/IFAS School of Forest Resources and Conservation

Webinar 2: October 22, 2020, 2 pm ET; Keep the Habitat Value of Your New Forest
Joe Vaughn and Megan Ellis, Landowner Assistance Program Biologists, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Webinar 3: November 5, 2020, 2 pm ET; Using Biomass Harvesting for Reforestation & Restoration
Jib Davidson, Forester, Columbia Timber Company and Environmental Services

Webinar 4: November 12, 2020, 2 pm ET; Prepare for and Recover more quickly from the next Hurricane
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As we have learned in recent years, powerful hurricanes can make their way inland and do considerable damage to forest and agricultural lands and enterprises. It’s never too early to start planning for a major hurricane that could make a direct hit on your land.
SOURCES

• USDA Pine Forest Landowners Guide
• New EDIS publication: Prepare Your Property for Hurricane Season (Florida Land Steward Newsletter article in Spring-Summer 2020)
  • Hurricane prep pubs for Ag
  • Tips and feedback from the field
RECENT STORMS

Hurricane Irma

• September 2017
• $261 million timber damage
RECENT STORMS

Hurricane Michael

- October 2018
- 2.8 million acres
- $1.3 billion timber damage
CONNECT WITH PROFESSIONALS

• Florida Forest Service County Forester
• UF/IFAS County Extension Agent (Ag/Natural Resources Agent)
• Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Biologist
• USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist
• USDA Farm Service Agency Agent
  • Enroll in assistance program if appropriate
CONNECT WITH PROFESSIONALS

Consulting Forester

• Assistance in all phases of management
  • Management plan preparation, planting, site prep, nutrition, prescribed burning, thinning, marketing timber

• Selecting a Consultant - [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fr125](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fr125)

Inventory?

• Estimate of the number and types of trees, value of standing timber, etc.

• This information may be important documentation if financial assistance is available after a hurricane or other natural disaster.

• Inventory Primer - [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fr426](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fr426)
Review Your Road System

• Heavy rains can wash out roads, stream crossings, fire lines plow lines.

• **FL Forest Service BMP Forester** can review your road system to before the storm to ensure soil and water protection and compliance with Florida’s Silviculture Best Management Practices (BMP’s).

CONNECT WITH PROFESSIONALS

Become Familiar with Local Timber Industry

• Florida Forestry Association: http://floridaforest.org/
PRE-STORM PREPARATIONS

Shut down thinning

• If underway or scheduled to begin when a hurricane is projected to make landfall in your area

• Can open the stand structure and leave the remaining trees more vulnerable to windthrow and damage
PRE-STORM PREPARATIONS

Prune Trees and Branches

• Trim hazard trees and branches over structures, fences, roads, bridges
• Reduce broken or dead limbs that could cause damage.
PRE-STORM PREPARATIONS

Clean Ditches, Culverts, Drains

- So excess storm water doesn’t back up and cause flooding
PRE-STORM PREPARATIONS

Fill the Tanks

- drinking water, gas, diesel, propane, chain saw fuel, and other materials should be topped off to ensure availability during post-storm recovery.
PRE-STORM PREPARATIONS

Emergency equipment

• Chain saws
• Generators
• Air compressors
• Other tools on hand and in good working condition
PRE-STORM PREPARATIONS

Communications Equipment

• Phone batteries charged, chargers located, hand held radios (if you have them) charged up and ready, extra batteries
Hazardous Materials

- Pesticides, fertilizers, fuel stored and secured prior to the storm
- Gasoline pumps, if present, should be shut down.
Lock the Gates

- Prevent unauthorized individuals from entry
- Prevent damage to wet roads
- Hazardous conditions - increased risk of injury
- Make sure signs are posted
PRE-STORM PREPARATIONS

Take photos

• Take photos of your stands and/or fields before the storm
• Have a record of the condition of these areas before damage occurs.
• Could help with records needed for insurance claims and/or government assistance programs.
PRE-STORM PREPARATIONS

Records / Paperwork

• **Federal Tax ID #** if applying with a business entity, **Social Security #** if applying as an individual

• **Contact information** of authorized agent/point of contact of business entity if applying on behalf of a business or individual owner

• **County Name(s) and Parcel Identification Numbers** of ALL parcels that have timber stands you are applying for.

• **Insurance Payment**: Did you file/receive an insurance payment or federal financial assistance for damage to your timber crop as a result of the Hurricane? If yes, have those documents ready to review. If no, then disregard.
PRE-STORM PREPARATIONS

Records / Paperwork

These items will likely be helpful to have at hand if available:

• Land management plan and associated farm/stand maps
• Timber planting records
• Third party loss certification(s) from damage incurred from the storm
• Site photos, aerial photography, or satellite imagery of your timber stands
• If you currently operate the timber stand with a lease, please have the lease ready for your call to review.
• If your ownership situation requires a Power of Attorney (POA), please have a copy ready to review.
• If you share ownership of the land/timber stand, please have documentation that outlines what % ownership each partner has.
PRE-STORM PREPARATIONS

Time for Harvest?

• If in line with your management plan and objectives, consider selling your mature timber stands in a lump sum sale (vs. pay as cut) prior to hurricane season to capture the full market value of the products you have.

• A salvage sale of a storm-damaged stand will only yield 10-15% of the normal market value.

• See Steps to Marketing Timber https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fr130 for important tips for selling your timber.

• Do business with qualified, trained loggers that are certified in the Master Logger Program. The Florida Forestry Association provides an online Master Logger Directory to help you find a certified Master Logger in your county. http://floridaforest.org/programs/master-logger/
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