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Wood Education and Resource Center Offers Two Workshops in March

PRINCETON, W. Va.— The Wood Education and Resource Center, located in Princeton, W. Va, will host two workshops in March that will benefit businesses in the hardwood manufacturing industry.

On March 13, North Carolina State University, North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Southeastern Kiln Drying Club and the Wood Education and Resource Center will host a 1-day workshop, *Dry Hardwood Lumber Bright, White and Flat*. The workshop will provide strategies for managers and operators of sawmills and lumber drying operations with how to properly handle logs and lumber to avoid stain, stacking procedures that produce flat lumber, low temperature drying schedules that produce quality results and equalizing and conditioning that produce lumber that is flat and stress free.

On March 26 and 27 the Center will host a 2-day management skills short course. This course will provide attendees with tools and skills to help them be better managers of their employees and themselves. Production supervisors, plant management, middle managers, and upper management seeking a refresher on key management issues will benefit from attending this training.

The Wood Education and Resource Center is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry unit of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. The Center serves primary and secondary hardwood manufacturing industries located in the 35 States of the eastern hardwood forest region.

The Center's mission is to work with the forest products industry toward sustainable forest products production in the eastern hardwood forest region. It provides state-of-the-art training, technology transfer, networking opportunities, applied research, and information.

Visit <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/werc/events.shtm> or call 304-487-1510 for more information about these workshops, and the Wood Education and Resource Center.

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