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U.S. Forest Service to host small sawmill business workshop

PRINCETON, WV—The U.S. Forest Service Wood Education and Resource Center in Princeton, WV, will host a small sawmill business workshop on Thursday, June 14. Workshop topics will include equipment that is currently available for small sawmill and lumber drying operations, sawing for improved hardwood lumber grades, lumber grading system basics, lumber drying basics, heating a kiln with a stick-wood water stove, profitable business and marketing strategies, and how to make value-added wood products beyond green and kiln-dried lumber.

The workshop will focus on small sawmills and lumber drying operations powered by gas and diesel engines, and single-phase electric power. Equipment vendors will set up exhibits and offer demonstrations. People who will benefit from attending this workshop include small sawmill operators, those who dry lumber, and those who want to set up a value-added wood products business.

The course is cosponsored by the Wood Education and Resource Center, North Carolina State University – Wood Products Extension, and *Independent Sawmill & Woodlot Management* magazine. For more information, contact Harry Watt (harry_watt@ncsu.edu, 704-880-5034) or Joe Denig (joe_denig@ncsu.edu, 919-515-5582). Registration is \$35. Additional information can be found at www.cnr.ncsu.edu/woodworkshops.

The Wood Education and Resource Center is located in Princeton, WV. It is administered by the U.S. Forest Service, Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry. The Center works with the forest products industry on sustainable forest products production in the 35 States of the eastern hardwood forest region. WERC provides state-of-the-art training, technology transfer, networking opportunities, applied research, and information. Visit www.na.fs.fed.us/werc for more information.

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