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U.S. Forest Service to host lumber drying workshop

PRINCETON, WV—The U.S. Forest Service Wood Education and Resource Center in Princeton, WV, will host a 2-day workshop beginning Wednesday, November 9, 2011. The workshop, “Profitably Drying Small Quantities of Lumber,” is geared towards portable sawmill owners, specialty lumber producers, cabinetmakers, and woodworkers who want to learn how to effectively dry their lumber.

Joe Denig, coauthor of the book “Drying Hardwood Lumber,” will teach the majority of the course. Participants will receive hands-on experience operating the Center’s commercial dry kiln using samples to monitor the drying and conditioning processes. The workshop will cover drying yard practices, kiln operation, solar kilns, dehumidification kilns, vacuum kilns, small conventional kilns, wood moisture relationships, and drying schedules.

The course is cosponsored by the Wood Education and Resource Center, North Carolina State University – Wood Products Extension, and Sawmill 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 \$75. 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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