‘NATURAL AREAS AND WOODS MANAGEMENT’ SEMINAR
April 27, 2010
3406 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers

AGENDA
8:30-8:55 AM: Registration; 8:55-9:00 AM: Welcome and Introduction

9:00-9:50 AM: Hands-on Identification of Invasive Species (FLEPPC categories) (Roger Clark, Land Stewardship/Coastal Areas Manager, Lee County Parks and Recreation. Presentation will review live plants and plant samples for the identification of hardwoods, shrubs, grass and vine species which are invasive in the South.

9:50-10:30 AM: Control Methods and Herbicide Application Strategies for Invasive Weed Control (Clark Ryals, Forester, Division of Forestry, Will utilize audiovisual and hands-on demonstration techniques to illustrate application techniques used by the Division of Forestry for the control of natural and aquatic areas invasive species)

10:30 – 10:45 MORNING BREAK.................................................................

10:45-11:30 AM: The Impacts of Changing Hydrology Levels on Woods and Natural Areas (Dr. Ed Hanlon Ph.D, UF/IFAS Soil and Water Scientist. Researcher will discuss the impact of development on native and aquatic environments and will outline management strategies to maintain native environments)

11:30-12:00 PM: The Worker Protection Standard (Narrated PowerPoint, produced by the Pesticide Information Office, UF, will provide an overview of the Federal rules which protects and guides the use of pesticides on relevant establishments by agricultural workers and pesticide handlers)

12:15-1:00 PM: LUNCH ON YOUR OWN...........................................................

1:00-1:40 PM: Pine Island Earleaf Acacia Control Project (Marty Kendal, Earleaf Acacia Task Force. Team leader will discuss steps taken to educate residents, current strategies and lessons learned in the control of Earleaf Acacia on Pine Island, Lee County)

1:40-2:10 PM: Wildflower Seed Production and Vermiculture for Small Forest Operators (Rachel Singletary, President, Caloosa Rare Fruit Exchange: Presenter will share ideas and techniques on seed production and worm casting production suitable as alternative enterprises on small forestry operations)

2:10-3:00 PM: Prescribed Burning and Mechanical Vegetation Management to Meet Ecological Goals (Mike Weston, Senior Forester, Division of Forestry will present on the use of natural processes such as fire and the utilization of mechanical means to restore natural and wooded areas following the impact of invasive species on these systems)

3:00-3:15 PM: AFTERNOON BREAK...........................................................

3:15-4:00 PM – Non-Timber Forest Products for Forest Landowners (Roy Beckford, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent will list several alternative enterprises which are already in practice and suitable for adoption by forest landowners in South Florida)
For registration contact: Claudia Piotrowicz, 3406 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33916. (239) 533-7514, or e-mail cpiotrowicz@leegov.com

**CEUs:** CEUs ARE available in: CORE (1.0), Natural Areas (5.5), Private Applicator AG (5.5), and Forestry (5.5)

**Cost:** The cost of this class is $15 if prepaid or $20 at the door. Make check payable to Lee County Overall Advisory Board “LCOEAB” and mail to Lee County Extension, Attn: Claudia, 3406 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33916.

**Seminar Coordinators:** Roy Beckford – Ag/natural resources Agent, IFAS, Lee County.  
Michael Weston – Senior Forester, Caloosahatchee District, Division of Forestry, Lee County, Florida DACS.

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