Property Tour
Southwest Florida Stewardship Tour
Lee County, FL

Date: Friday, February 5, 2010; meet and greet at 9:00 AM ET at the Division of Forestry Office in Fort Myers, FL.

Tour: Join us for a tour of three properties in southwest Florida. The first property is a Stewardship Forest where prescribed burning and salvage harvests have been conducted to make way for reforestation and to improve the site for gopher tortoises. At the second property we’ll look at a site with advanced natural pine regeneration, where melaleuca and other invasive exotic plants are being controlled. The third property will feature a small meat goat operation. Meat goats offer a viable alternative to prescribed fire in overgrown stands and can serve as way to bring fire back into long unmanaged forest stands in an economical manner once fuel loads are controlled. As available, other small forest alternative enterprises will be featured along with discussions of small farm management and traditional forest management practices such as planting, thinning, and non-native invasive exotic plant and animal management.

Register: A sponsored lunch will be served after the tour, sponsors TBA. This program is free but you must preregister. Call Claudia Piotrowicz, (239) 533-7514, cpiotrowicz@leegov.com to register. Attendance will be limited so please register soon! Directions to the DOF office are on the back of this announcement. Please share with others who may be interested. Contact Chris Demers, (352) 846-2375, cdemers@ufl.edu, with questions about this or other Forest Stewardship Program events.

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Meet at the Florida Division of Forestry Office
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