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RIFCO'S SUMMER TWILIGHT SESSION TO at BROAD OAK FARM IN SCITUATE

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization is conducting its annual Summer Twilight Woods Walk at Broad Oak Farm on Tunk Hill Road in Scituate, RI, on Thursday, August 4, 2016, starting at 6:00 p.m., and will include a woods walk to observe an ongoing timber harvest and the impacts of this year's defoliation by the Gypsy moth. Broad Oak Farm is located at 856 Tunk Hill Road (RI Route 12), just south of Old Plainfield Pike and the Potterville Fire Station. Signs will be posted.

The harvest is being conducted as part of the farm's Tree Farm management plan. The plan continues the work done in the 1980's by Howard Brightman Sr., and then-RI DFE foresters Paul Dolan and Gregg Cassidy. The current harvest is being conducted by Keil Miller of Exeter, who worked on a harvest in the 1980's. This all coincides with the recurrence of the Gypsy moth, which has not been this destructive since the early 1980's. We'll review past experiences with the Gypsy moth and how the forest recovered, and we'll review what impacts it could have in coming years, with White pine being defoliated as well as many of the hardwoods.

The program is free of charge, and there is no need to register. Refreshments will be provided, and directions to the site are available at www.rifco.org, or by calling RIFCO at (401) 568-3421.

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and wise use of Rhode Island's forest resources. RIFCO is also a co-sponsor of the RI Tree Farm Program, and an affiliate of the National Woodland Owner's Association.

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