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RIFCO SPRING PROGRAM to FEATURE TIMBER HARVESTING PROJECT AT CAROLINA MANAGEMENT AREA

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization (RIFCO) will conduct its Annual Spring Program at the Carolina Management Area on Pine Hill Road in Richmond, RI on Saturday, May 12th from 9 a.m. to noon. The Spring Program is free and will feature an educational woods walk that will focus on the benefits of forest management on state-owned lands. A current forest thinning project is taking place at this pine-dominated forest.

The guided walk will be led by Supervising Forester Will Walker of the RI DEM, Division of Forest Environment. We will focus on the forest health and wildlife habitat benefits of the timber harvest, but the walk will also include tree identification, invasive plants, forest ecology and other woodlot management topics.

The 2,400-acre Carolina Management Area is a state-owned forest and wildlife resource that lies between Switch Road and RI Route 112, and northerly of Route 91 to the Kenyon Trail. It includes the Carolina Trout Pond. Pine Hill Road runs from Switch Road to the village of Carolina, right through the middle of the Management Area. We will meet in the parking area of the Check Station on Pine Hill Road starting at 8:30 am, and the program will start at 9. The RIFCO Spring Program is free and open to the public. Directions to the site are available by calling RIFCO at (401)568-3421, or one can go to www.rifco.org for more information.

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.

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