

October 9, 2009

Changing Roles Webinar Series

October 13, 2009 at 2 p.m. EST

Conservation outreach coordinator John M. Davis from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be addressing land-use planning and policy for the upcoming webinar module on October 13, 2009. This session, which begins at 2 p.m. EST, will discuss the various processes, policies and ordinances that governing bodies employ to plan land use. Opportunities for natural resource professionals to assist in this process will be covered, as well as strategies for becoming a community resource.

This 4-part webinar series allows participants to learn a subset of concepts and skills covered in the Changing Roles materials. This series was developed to: 1) assist natural resource professionals in developing an understanding of opportunities and challenges in the WUI related to forest management, land-use policy and planning decision making, and communication skills for working with interface residents and leaders, 2) provide natural resource professionals with skills and tools to effectively work in the WUI, and 3) introduce natural resource professionals to the Changing Roles Program.

Increased human influences on forest ecosystems and other natural areas can often strain the ability of natural resource professionals to tackle the complex challenges at the wildland-urban interface (WUI). To help meet these needs, the Southern Group of State Foresters led a partnership with the USDA Forest Service, InterfaceSouth, the University of Florida, School of Forest Resources and Conservation, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop the Changing Roles Professional Development Program. This program provides state and federal natural resource agencies with resources to conduct their own training programs, aimed toward building skills and tools to successfully deal with WUI issues.

For more information on this webinar series visit: http://interfacesouth.org/products/training/webinar_series_2009/index.html

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