2017 MFS STEWARDSHIP FORESTER INFORMATION & TRAINING MEETINGS and Tree Farm Inspector Training

May 2—Bangor Conference Center, Bangor (Dan Jacobs)
May3 – Maine Forest Products Council, Augusta (Patty Cormier)
May 4—Cabela's Store, Scarborough (Shane Duigan)

NOTE: ALL TIMES FOR MAY 4 MEETING AT CABELA'S WILL BE ONE HOUR LATER, AS THE STORE DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL 9:00

AGENDA

8:00: Coffee and registration

8:15-8:30: Welcome & Introductions

8:30: WoodsWISE Program Status Update-*Andy Shultz, MFS Landowner Outreach Forester* Review of application and claim-for-payment forms, process, SSN/TIN policy, etc.

8:45: Woodland Resource Action Plans (WRAPs)-Andy Shultz, MFS
Review of current Stewardship Forest Management Plan specifications, with cross reference to latest American Tree Farm Standards changes

9:45: 15 minute break

10:00: Insect and Disease Conditions update-*Charlene Donahue, Entomologist, or other rep.* from Forest Health & Monitoring, MFS

10:45: Invasive Plant Control update-Nancy Olmstead, Invasive Plant Biologist, Maine Natural Areas Program, DACF

11:30: The Water Report: <u>Next edition of BMP manual</u>, Chapter 27, statewide standards---*Tom Gilbert, Water Resources Forester, MFS*

12:00: Lunch

12:30: Cooperative Tree Farm Inspector training-Kyle Burdick/Gretchen Heldmann, Maine Tree Farm Committee

All Tree Farm Inspectors are required to have training on the 2015-20 Standards prior to conducting inspections.

- Introduction to the American Tree Farm System
- 2015-20 AFF Standards of Sustainability
- Management Plan review
- The ATFS Inspector's Manual
- 004 Form & Tools, including fillable .pdf and mobile app.
- Wrap-up & Questions

3:30 Adjourn, and safe travels home!