

SILVICULTURE TRAINING IS ABOUT TO GO MAINSTREAM!

HOW OUR TEAM IS WORKING TO MAKE KNOWLEDGE ACCESSIBLE, USEABLE AND USEFUL!

eLearning Silviculture Training

Making the NHRI's Silviculture Prescription System Easily Accessible!

Over the years our team has acquired considerable experience when it comes to delivering training in the field. Whether it be offering workshops on the operationalization of the NHRI Silviculture Prescription System, field exercises to better identify form and risk issues at the tree level, or delivering a full day training on optimizing tree bucking, we have developed a solid capacity when it comes to creating knowledge and learning content, and delivering it. The question has now become, how do we take it to the next level?

We think the answer can be found in developing partnerships to offer silviculture training on open eLearning platforms such as UdeMy.com. Our goal is to make our **NHRI Silviculture Prescription System** accessible and easy to learn for any forestry worker, anywhere. So, a few months ago we started small and began working on turning one of our most successful workshops, Bucking for Value, into a video learning format that could be downloaded onto an open eLearning platform. The video training, which was prepared by Monique Girouard, has 11 video lectures divided into 6 modules and is entitled; *Introduction to bucking hardwoods for value*. This course was released in both French and English in December of 2019.

While we are excited about this new tool in our arsenal it is only a beginning and not an end. The initial video lecture series was meant as a trial run for a much larger project we are currently developing in collaboration with other academic and industry partners – UNB, University of Maine Fort Kent and Université de Moncton. The objective of this larger training initiative will be to develop and make accessible comprehensive training courses for the silviculture of northern hardwood and mixed wood stands. The primary purpose of the project is to produce a series of media products in support of the NHRI Silviculture Prescription System (SPS) to train foresters, technicians, students and woodlot owners. The training series will be divided into 6 courses which will in turn be divided into modules and video lectures. Examples of proposed courses for this project are:

COURSES: Silviculture of northern hardwood s and mixed stands

1. Introduction to the silviculture of northern hardwood and mixed wood stands (approx. 10 hours)
2. Adaptive silviculture in the context of a changing climate (approximately 2 hours)
3. Silviculture options for problem stands (beech) (approx. 2 hours)
4. Intermediate silviculture treatments to improve growth, yields and tree quality (approx. 2 hours)
5. Evaluating trees for quality and vigour (approx. 1 hour)
6. Introduction to Bucking Hardwood Trees for Value (approx. 1 hour)

This eLearning open access video training project is one of our most important knowledge mobilization projects. We are very excited about developing the content and look forward to completing the modules .



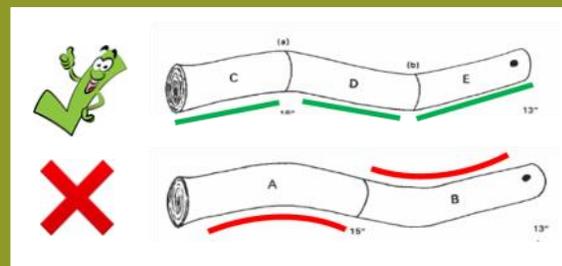
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