Biographic Sketch – Peter J. Smallidge

Peter Smallidge works for Cornell University through extension and applied research. Peter is the NYS Extension Forester and the Director of the Cornell University Arnot Teaching and Research Forest. These activities take him throughout the state serving woodland owners, maple producers, farmers/graziers, foresters, and others who manage woodlands. As Arnot Forest Director, Peter provides leadership for the production, management, research and extension activities working with a core of dedicated and capable county and campus colleagues. Peter also teaches NTRES 3250 – Forest Management and Maple Syrup Production for Cornell Students and BF150 – Farm Woodlot Management for students in Cornell's Small Farms Program.

Peter coordinates ForestConnect, Cornell's Forest Resources Extension Program, by providing leadership for education to enhance the sustainability and stewardship of private forest lands in New York. This program depends upon a close working relationship with CCE educators throughout the state. ForestConnect includes several activities, such as the monthly web conference, development of demonstration sites, writing and editing bulletins, and providing training for Cornell Cooperative Extension educators, foresters, forest owners and maple producers.

His applied research addresses sugarbush management, forest production, and vegetation management of native and invasive plant species. Land management systems studied include commercial forest production, woodlot management, sugarbush management and maple sap production, silvopasture, and integrated vegetation management using organic and/or chemical treatments. Peter has a B.S. in Forestry from Purdue University (1986) and a M.S. (1989) and Ph.D. (1993) in forest ecology from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse.

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