


Herbaceous Forest Vegetation Management

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Session Objectives

- Native competitors
- Non-native invasives
 - Ecological impacts in established stands
- Impacts on tree seedling establishment
- Decision support tools for competition control
- Management to maintain herbaceous vegetation

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Know Your Objectives

- Timber
- Ecological restoration
- Wildlife
- Recreation
- Aesthetics
- Water quality




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Herbaceous Forest Vegetation

Considerations

- Important ecological role
 - Cover and food for wildlife
 - Plant diversity
- Significant competitors to tree seedling establishment


We must understand the importance of herbaceous vegetation and the need to make informed decisions regarding control operations



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Vegetative Competition

- Serious competitor to crop trees
- Competes for sunlight
- Competes for soil water and nutrients
- Competes for growing space
- Can cause a reduction in growth and survival






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Planning for Artificial Regeneration

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate site quality (productivity) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Soil surveys B. Sampling C. Baker and Broadfoot 2. Establish management goals <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Timber product B. Wildlife 3. Select tree species <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Mixed species 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Examine planting concerns <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Mineral soil <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Sub-soiling ii. Fertilization B. Competing vegetation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chemical site prep ii. HWC 5. Predation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Small mammals B. Deer
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Competition Sources

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common grasses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bermuda grass • Bahiagrass • Johnson grass • Fescue • Broomsedge • Woody species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persimmon • Blackgum • Sweetgum • Ash • Hickory • Sumac 	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadleaf weeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fireweed • Goldenrod • Curly dock • Horsetail • Ragweed • Smartweed • Pigweed • Vines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trumpet creeper • Poison Ivy • Virginia creeper
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Vegetative Control Options

- Mechanical
 - Good tool for gaining access, ephemeral to poor affects on control
- Prescribed fire
 - Good method for clearing and providing some control
- Chemical
 - Good method for providing targeted control of vegetation

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Mechanical


- Chopping
- Disking
- Mowing
- Shearing
- Mulching



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Prescribed Fire


- Site preparation
- Natural regeneration
- Habitat management
 - Sets back succession
- Burn program can provide vegetation control



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Forest Herbicides Advantages


- Useful on all terrain
- Ease of application
- Quick
- Economical vs. mechanical operations
- Low disturbance to a forest site
 - **vegetation and litter remain intact**



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Forest Herbicides Concerns?

- Low toxicity
- Long application intervals
- Non-restricted herbicides
- Many have aquatic labels




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When Considering an Application

1. Identify application goals
2. Identify crop species
3. Identify major competitors
4. Identify application type
5. Identify application constraints
6. Seek professional assistance

Make an informed decision!



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When to Employ Chemical Control

- Tree seedling establishment
 - Conifers
 - Hardwoods
- Forest Stand Improvement
 - Improve species composition
 - Remove invasive species
 - Preparation for herbicide application
- Setting
 - Production forestry – large acreage
 - Wildlife management areas – large acreage
 - Environmental mitigation sites – various sizes
 - Small woodlot – a few acres
 - Urban – public use areas, homeowners

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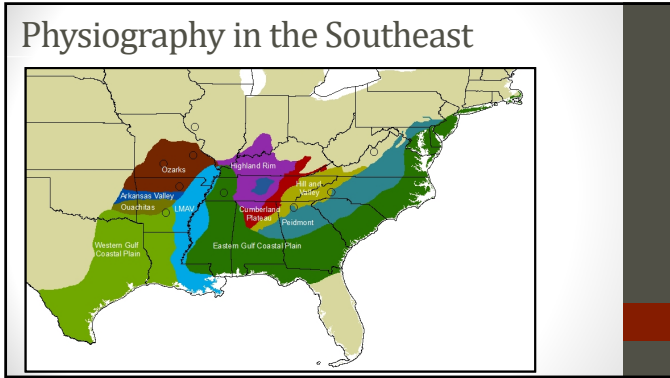
Site Preparation and HWC



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Know your Crop Species

- Pine
 - Loblolly
 - Shortleaf
 - Longleaf
 - Slash
- Hardwoods
 - Oaks
 - Many other species
 - Most producers for wildlife
 - Increased diversity

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Available Products	Herbicide	Products	Time of Year	Target	Resistant (at typical rates)
Site Prep Pine	staknaze	Annual and Perennial Ac, Clopper Gen2, Azoxystrobin SP	Growing season following full leaf expansion.	Most hardwoods, annual and perennial grasses and forbs, Bermuda, fescue, crabgrass, dog fennel, pigweed, greenhouse.	Elm, woody legumes, wax myrtle, crotch, blackberry, buckeye, blackhant, pine
	glyphosate and trimepzt	Around XRT II, Roundup, Roundup Pro	Prior to planting, active growth following full leaf expansion.	Most hardwood and conifer species, grasses and broadleaf weeds, blackberry.	Blackburn, hickory, greenhater, Virginia creeper, trumpet vine
Site Prep Pine	metolufuron methyl	Escort 3P, Puntrot	During periods of active growth following full leaf expansion	Control most annual and perennial grasses, broadleaf weeds, vines, and woody plants.	Wide range of annual and perennial broadleaf weeds, elm, kudzu, multiflora rose
	halofenozuron methyl	Quest 3P, Spylor, SMA 75	Early spring, before herbaceous weeds emerge or shortly thereafter.	Annual grasses and forbs and certain perennial herbs.	Bermuda, bromesedge, crotch, trumpet creeper, paricurus, pines, hardwoods
UACES MP553	adifenmetozuron and metolufuron methyl	Quest Extra, Spylor Extra, SMA Extra	After full leaf expansion in spring. Herbaceous weeds; apply pre-emergent or shortly thereafter.	Various woody plants, vines and herbaceous weeds.	Loblolly pine
	trichlopyr	Vanier, Golden MXT II, Talon 4E, Triclopyr 4E	During periods of active growth.	Most hardwoods, southern pine, woody species such as bay, gallberry, wax myrtle, and sycamore forbs, dog fennel, greenhouse, wax myrtle, blackberry.	Grasses
UACES MP553	aminoxyacid	Milestone	Anytime during the growing season when weeds are small and active.	Blackberry, morning glory, horseweed, pigweed, thistle, sicklepod, ragweed, wilding roses, locust, redbud, mimosa, kudzu, ligustrum albigatum.	Grasses and longleaf pine
	clopyralid	Transline, Clean State, Clopyralid 3, Stinger	Anytime during the growing season. Preferred when weeds are small and actively growing.	Certain broadleaf weeds including thistle, kudzu, sicklepod, morning glory, ragweed, coffee weed most legume species.	Most established grasses and woody plants
UACES MP553	dicamba	Vanquish	During periods of active growth.	Many annual and perennial broadleaf weeds, woody brush including oaks and pines, multiflora rose.	Non-woody plants (usually) and waxy legled crops.
	fusaric acid	Krenite S	Apply during the growing season.	Postharvest control of pine and hardwood species for insecticide application.	Non-woody plants (usually) and waxy legled crops.
UACES MP553	triazinone	Wolvar 0F, Wolvar, Wolvar I	Early spring-early summer after bud break and before hardening off.	Most hardwoods, blackberry, crabgrass, fescue, ligustrum, horseweed, dog fennel, annual and perennial "eye grass."	Yellow poplar, eastern redbud, wax myrtle, blueberry, holly, blackberry, bermudagrass, bromesedge, johnsongrass, trumpet creeper
	metolufuron	Trifluralin 224, Trifluralin 224, Trifluralin 224	During periods of active growth.	Annual, biennial, and perennial broadleaf weeds, woody plants and vines, grasses, crabgrass, pine and oak.	Most grasses are resistant.
UACES MP553	picloram + 2,4-D	Krenite I, Torden 301	During periods of active growth.	Most annual and perennial broadleaf weeds, woody plants, and vines.	A variety of species; designed to be a tank mix component.
	trifluralin	Detail	During active pine growth in late spring to early fall.	Control wilding pines in site preparation.	

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April



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May/June



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October



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Clearcuts and Site Prep



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Chemical Site Prep and HWC



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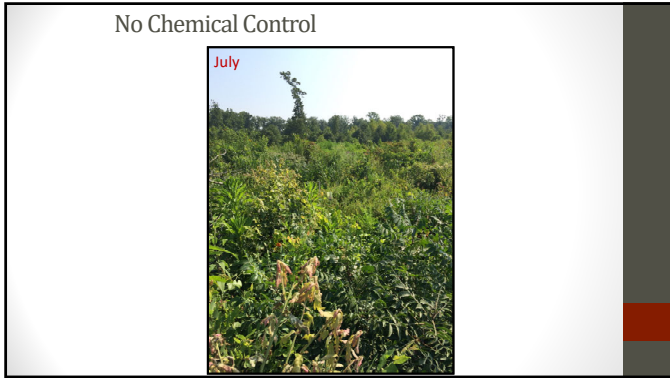


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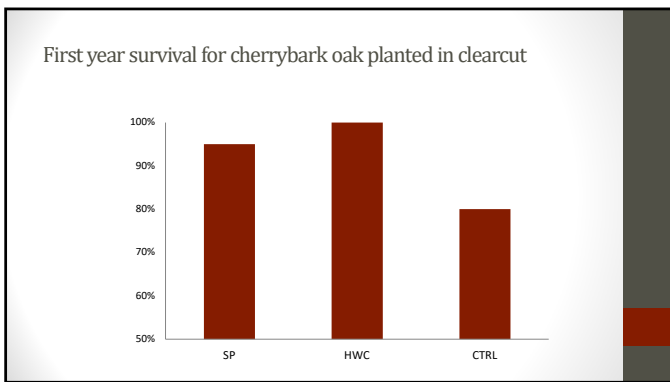
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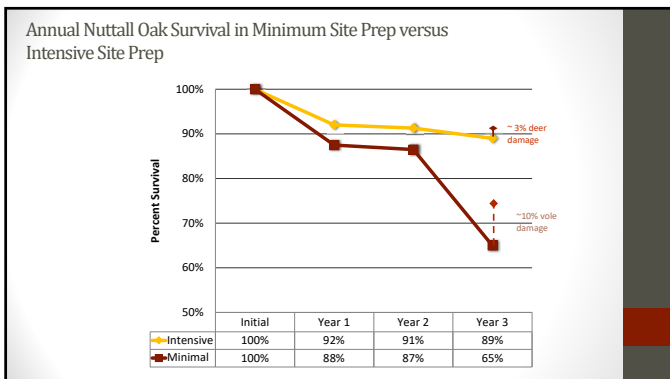
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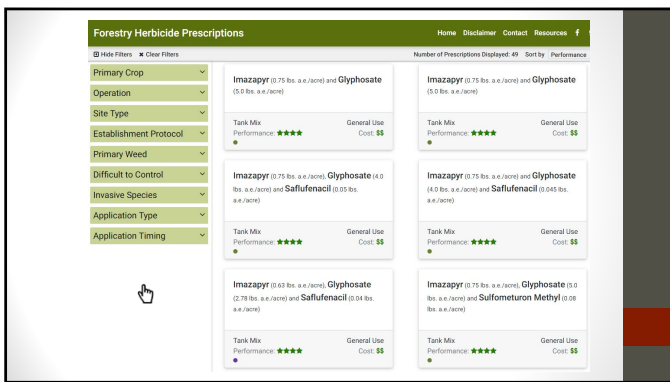
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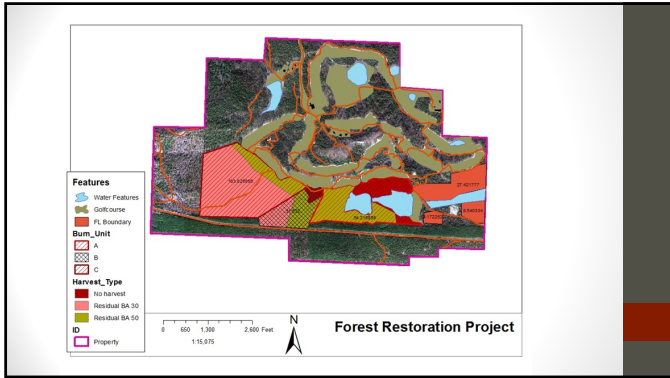
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Restoration Objectives

FOREST ROADS AND FIRE LANES

Aminopyralid (0.11 pounds a.e./acre) **GENERAL USE / SINGLE PRODUCT**

OPERATION: Forest Roads and Fire Lanes

CROP SPECIES: Grasses

SITE CONDITIONS: Roadside, Fire Lane, Wildlife Opening

ADJUVANT: Non-ionic surfactant should be used in spray mixtures at 1-2 quarts per 100 gallons of spray mixture.

TIMING: Early Growing Season

APPLICATION TYPE: Ground Broadcast

Target Plant: Broadleaf Plants

Available Products

Aminopyralid (vol./ac)	List of Available Products
7 ounces	Milestone

Application Guidelines

- Apply the recommended rates in a minimum of 10 gallons or more total spray solution per acre for ground broadcast treatments.

When to Adjust Prescription

- Rates may be increased for better control of woody species or some other target plants using label recommended methods. See label for details.

Prescription Weakness

- Does not provide good woody control without a tank mix partner.

GENERAL USE / SINGLE PRODUCT

Cost per acre: CC

Overall Performance: ★★★

Terminated Performance:

- Grass Control: none
- Broadleaf Control: ★★★★★
- Woody Control: ★
- Vine Control: ★★★★★
- Effective Speed: ★★★★★
- Control Duration: ★★★★★
- Hard to Control: ★★★★★
- Crop Tolerance: ★★★★★
- Resistant Species: ★★★★★
- Natural Fire Control: ★
- Restrictions: ★★

Rank Notes:

- Five 5 symbols indicates lower cost of chemistry per applied acre. A greater number of ★ indicates better performance.
- Restrictions: Do not apply near water. Restrictions exist for areas to be hayed or foraged.

References

- Herbicide labels for brands listed.

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Restoration Objectives

FOREST ROADS AND FIRE LANES

Aminopyralid plus Triclopyr (premixed at 1.1 pounds a.e./acre) **GENERAL USE / SINGLE PRODUCT**

OPERATION: Forest Roads and Fire Lanes

CROP SPECIES: Grasses

SITE CONDITIONS: Any

ADJUVANT: Non-ionic surfactant should be used in spray mixtures at 1 to 2 quarts per 100 gallons of spray mixture.

TIMING: Anytime When Plants are Actively Growing

APPLICATION TYPE: Ground Broadcast

Target Plant: Broadleaf Plants, Woody, Shrubs, Vines, Trees

Available Products

Aminopyralid (vol./ac)	List of Available Products
9 pints	Capstone

Application Guidelines

- Apply the recommended rates in 20 gallons or more total spray solution per acre for broadcast treatments.

When to Adjust Prescription

- If dense, non-legume woody species are to be controlled consider an alternative application.

Prescription Weakness

- May provide only partial control for many woody species.

GENERAL USE / SINGLE PRODUCT

Cost per acre: 55

Overall Performance: ★★★

Terminated Performance:

- Grass Control: none
- Broadleaf Control: ★★★★★
- Woody Control: ★★★★★
- Vine Control: ★★★★★
- Effective Speed: ★★★★★
- Control Duration: ★★★★★
- Hard to Control: ★★★★★
- Crop Tolerance: ★★★★★
- Resistant Species: ★★★★★
- Natural Fire Control: ★
- Restrictions: ★★

Rank Notes:

- Woody Control: Will control woody legumes, poplar, poison ivy, winter, some, holly and pine.
- Restrictions: Do not allow direct application to enter water. Restrictions exist for areas to be hayed or foraged.

References

- Herbicide labels for brands listed.

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Woodland Restoration – fuel loads/shortleaf control



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Woodland Restoration - thinning



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Woodland Restoration – broadcast application

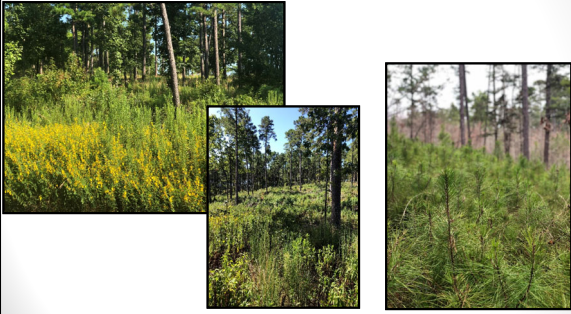
- Brush control
- Reset succession
- Release specific plants
- Promote shortleaf regeneration

- Herbicides used
- Triclopyr
- Imazapyr
- Aminopyralid



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Woodland Restoration - goals



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Non-Native Invasive Species

- Displace native vegetation
- Lower habitat quality for wildlife
- Increase fire severity risk
- Spread readily through disturbance
- Can be difficult to control



Cogongrass, Source USDA Forest Service SRS

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Non-Native Invasive Plants of the Southeast U.S.


- Invasive.org
 - <https://www.invasive.org/south/seweeds.cfm>
 - 470 terrestrial and aquatic plants and trees listed for the SE United States
 - 116 are listed on the Federal Noxious Weed List
 - 43 species monitored by the USFS FIA and State Monitoring

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US Forest Service FIA and State Monitoring

43 species monitored across 13 states

- 7 herbaceous species
- 12 vine species
- 18 shrub species
- 6 tree species



Chinese Privet, *Source Inaturalist*

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US Forest Service FIA and State Monitoring - Herbaceous

<i>Festuca arundinacea</i> Schreb.	tall fescue
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i> (L.) Beauv.	cogongrass
<i>Microstegium vimineum</i> (Trin.) A. Camus	Japanese stiltgrass
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> Anders.	Chinese silvergrass
<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i> Carr. ex A. & C. Rivière	golden bamboo
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i> (Bieb.) Cavara & Grande	garlic mustard
<i>Vinca minor</i> L.	common periwinkle

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US Forest Service FIA and State Monitoring - Vines

<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> Thunb.	oriental bittersweet
<i>Dioscorea alata</i> L.	winged yam
<i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i> L.	air-potato
<i>Dioscorea polystachya</i> Turcz.	Chinese yam
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> (Turcz.) Hand.-Maz.	winter creeper
<i>Hedera helix</i> L.	English ivy
<i>Lonicera japonica</i> Thunb.	Japanese honeysuckle
<i>Lygodium japonicum</i> (Thunb. ex Murr.) Sw.	Japanese climbing fern
<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i> (Willd.) Maesen & S. Almeida	kudzu
<i>Vinca major</i> L.	big periwinkle
<i>Wisteria floribunda</i> (Willd.) DC.	Japanese wisteria
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> (Sims) DC.	Chinese wisteria

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US Forest Service FIA and State Monitoring Shrubs

<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> L.	Russian olive
<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i> Thunb.	thorny olive
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i> Thunb.	autumn olive
<i>Euonymus alatus</i> (Thunb.) Sieb.	winged burning bush
<i>Lespedeza bicolor</i> Turcz.	shrubby lespedeza
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i> (Dum.-Cours.) G. Don	sericea lespedeza
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> Thunb.	Japanese privet
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i> Lour.	Chinese privet
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> L.	European privet
<i>Lonicera fragrantissima</i> Lindl. & Paxton	sweet breath of spring
<i>Lonicera maackii</i> (Rupr.) Herder	Amur honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera morrowii</i> Gray	Morrow's honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera tatarica</i> L.	Tatarian honeysuckle
<i>Nandina domestica</i> Thunb.	sacred bamboo
<i>Rosa bracteata</i> J.C. Wendl.	Macartney rose
<i>Rosa laevigata</i> Michx.	Cherokee rose
<i>Rosa multiflora</i> Thunb.	multiflora rose
<i>Solanum viarum</i> Dunal	tropical soda apple

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US Forest Service FIA and State Monitoring - Trees

<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (P. Mill.) Swingle	tree-of-heaven
<i>Albizia julibrissin</i> Durazz.	mimosa
<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> (Cav.) Blake	melaleuca
<i>Melia azedarach</i> L.	chinaberry
<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i> (Thunb.) Sieb. & Zucc. ex Steud.	princesstree
<i>Triadica sebifera</i> (L.) Small	Chinese tallowtree

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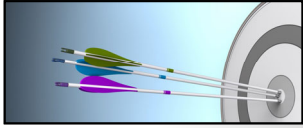
Resources for Invasive Species

- Invasive.org
 - <https://www.invasive.org/maps.cfm>
- USDA Invasive Website
 - <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/us/arkansas>
- Center for invasive species and ecosystem health
 - <https://www.bugwood.org/>
- USDA Forest Service ID
 - <https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/35292>
- USDA Forest Service Management Guide
 - <https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/36915>

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Decisions for Controlling Invasive Species

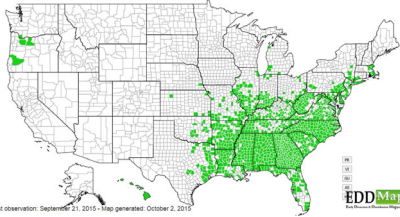
- Is there potential for non-target impact?
- What are the primary crop trees?
 - Hardwood
 - Conifer
- Can non-chemical methods be effective?
 - Available manpower
 - Size of area
 - Species in question
- If chemical application is necessary, what, when and how?
 - Selective vs. non-selective
 - Application type, broadcast, spot, IPT, etc...
 - Application timing
 - Time of year
 - Number of applications



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Kudzu

Pueraria montana var. *lobata*




Last observation: September 21, 2015 - Map generated: October 2, 2015

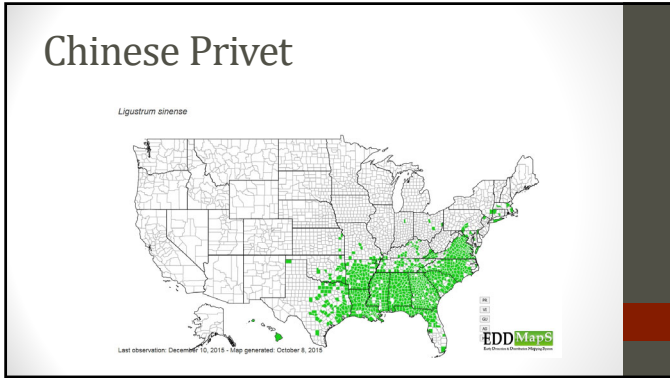
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Kudzu Control

- Escort at 4 oz/ac, July – Sept
 - 20-40GPA min (80 -100GPA recommended)
- Transline at 21 oz/ac, July – Sept
 - 100GPA, most selective (use in hwd's)
- Garlon 4 at 20% in basal oil with penetrant, Jan - April
 - Basal spray vines ≤ 1 " diameter



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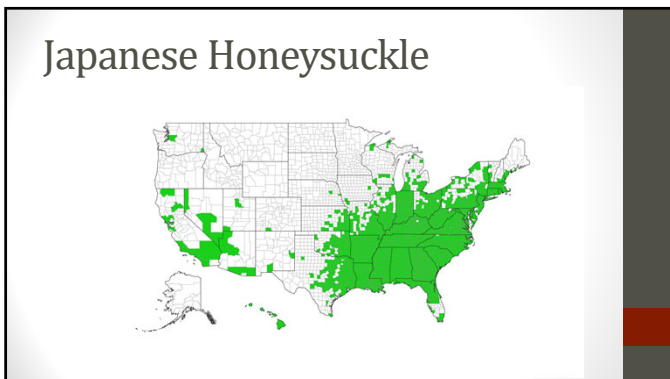


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Chinese Privet Control

- Recommended (hardwoods):
 - 3% glyphosate
 - Spray to wet – Feb - March
- 1% Arsenal AC (spray to wet) w/ adjuvant
- 2% Garlon 3A and 4 (spray to wet)
- 20% Garlon 4 in basal oil w/ penetrant
- Treat cut stems w/ 10% Arsenal AC or Velpar L, or 20% Garlon 3A or glyphosate

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Japanese Honeysuckle Control

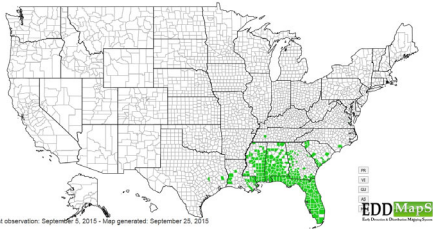


- Recommended (hardwoods):
 - 2% glyphosate
 - Spray to wet
 - In Autumn, prior to freeze but after desirable hardwood trees and plants have gone dormant
 - Not an option in pine
- Would use 1 oz. Escort XP in pines, but not hardwoods

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Cogongrass

Imperata cylindrica



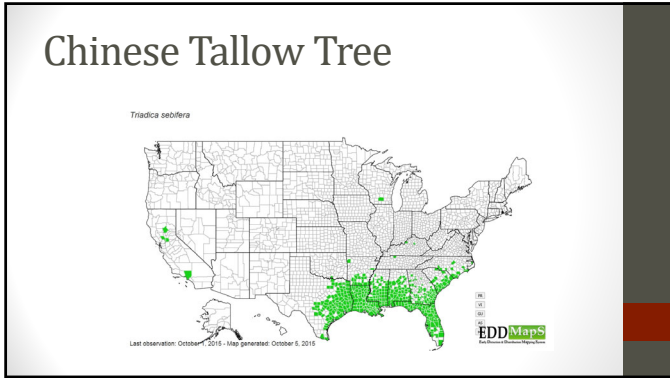
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Cogongrass

- Arsenal AC as 1% solution in Sept-Oct
- Glyphosate as 2% solution
- Combination of these
- Repeat application!
 - Spring-fall
 - Subsequent years



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Chinese Tallow Tree

Foliar Application:
 Imazapyr (Arsenal AC)
 Triclopyr 2% (Remedy*, Garlon 4*, Tahoe 4E*)
 2,4-D

Injection:
 Imazapyr (Arsenal AC)
 Triclopyr (Remedy, Garlon 3A, Tahoe 3A)
 Picloram & 2,4-D in combination (Pathway)
 2,4-D

Basal Spray:
 Triclopyr 10-20% (Remedy*, Garlon 4*, Tahoe 4E*)
 (Pathfinder II - ready to use)

* Mixed with diesel

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