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**Fast Facts:**

- Beaver Watershed Alliance **Forest & Wildlife Management** Workshop will teach participants how to manage property for wildlife and timber using a variety of conservation and best management practices.
- Forest and pasture land uses account for a combined 87 percent of the land within the Beaver Lake Watershed.

Forest & Wildlife Management Workshop to be Held April 27, 2019 (274 Words)

Beaver Watershed Alliance is hosting a Forest & Wildlife Management Workshop on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. The workshop will be held at ARTEX Ranch, 19600 Pummill Rd, Fayetteville, AR 72701. Participants will learn about timber stand improvement practices, dirt road management, and attracting native wildlife.

Jim Woodruff, of ARTEX Ranch, will take attendees on a hayride across his property sharing a brief history of ARTEX and how he manages his land for wildlife and timber. His property is an Arkansas Forestry Association (AFA) Tree Farm for pine and hardwoods. On the tree farm, Jim implements a multitude of different conservation and best management practices to protect the environment. Additional topics to be covered during the tour of Jim's farm will be timber stand improvement, food plots for wildlife, and prescribed burning. After the tour and demonstration, a free lunch will be provided by Jim and his family.

Forest and pasture are the two best types of land cover for clean water. Combined, these two land uses account for 87 percent of the land within the Beaver Lake Watershed, with forests accounting for about 64 percent. Management of timber, wildlife habitat, dirt roads, hunting, conservation, and other aspects of forest can bring income to landowners as well as continue to benefit water quality in the Beaver Lake Watershed.

This workshop is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by emailing info@beaverwatershedalliance.org or calling 479-750-8007 to attend.

Beaver Watershed Alliance is a nonprofit organization focused on maintaining high-quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improving water quality within the Beaver Lake Watershed. The Alliance works with local governments and other nonprofits to reduce the amount of sediment entering streams, improve fish habitat, and reduce flooding – an essential service to local communities. For more information about The Alliance or how you can help protect water quality, visit www.beaverwatershedalliance.org.