

~ Notice for the Prudence Island Community ~



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Forest Health Projects in the South End & central Prudence Island

Woodchips available year round

Update: Firewood accessible through the summer

Firewood & Woodchips are available for homeowner use on the island. [See this summary](#). Prior to any work with firewood or woodchips, every participant must have with them (1) a signed DEM Waiver, (2) a signed NBNERR Agreement, and (3) Program Overview. **Documents available at NBNERR.org & the NBNERR office.**

- Forest Health Projects completed so far:
 - Seven pile burns completed in the Desert; no more piles burns this year
 - Seeding of native grasses and wildflowers within first slash wall
 - Cut pitch pines attacked by southern pine beetle (SPB)
 - Thinned pitch pine forest in South End; approx. 70 acres
 - Salvaged dead oak from Heritage Property; approx. 100 acres
 - Created two slash walls to exclude deer and enable oak regeneration in Heritage Property; approx. 1 acre & 5 acres
 - Reduction of greenbrier and other wildfire fuels from Heritage
 - Cutting of hazard trees on RIDEM property along several roads
 - Limbing & scoring (cutting open the bark) of SPB attacked trees

- To complete in the coming weeks:
 - Seed native grasses and wildflowers within second slash wall
 - Plant seedling trees within both slash walls
 - Install gates on slash walls to monitor vegetation growth
 - Cut fire break around slash walls
 - Install informational sign at the slash wall

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