



# Common *Challenges* for Female Forest Landowners

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# Words from women...

- *"I grew up in Tennessee but my dad's family is from south Georgia, where I am trying to manage the family land from 8 hours away after my father passed away fall of 2019. My two brothers and I will inherit some day and I want to keep it in the family if possible."*

*-Anne P.*

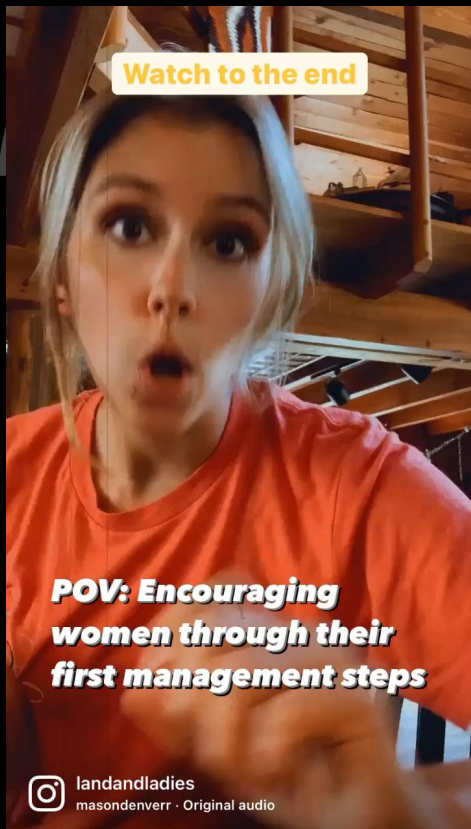
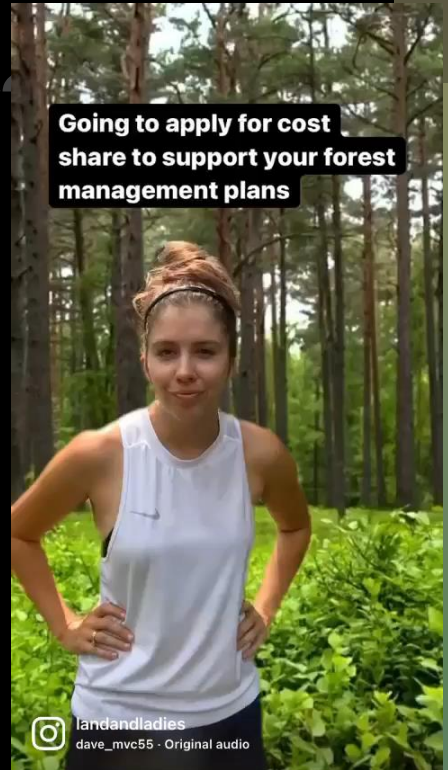
- *"I was thrust with little preparation into managing 371 acres of wooded property in Georgia that is in a trust for my disabled brother [...] as my father sinks further into dementia caused by a bad fall – and can no longer manage the property or provide key background information."*

*-Lynn M.*

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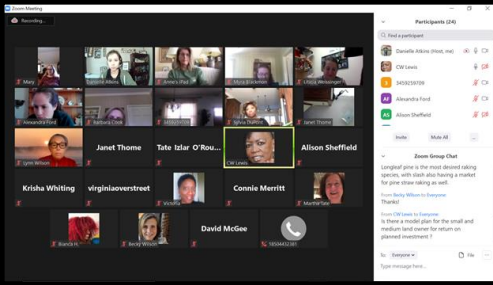
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- Women have been less engaged with the responsibilities of their forestland prior to inheritance; leaving them at risk for poor management decisions and swindlers



# What makes *these* programs different?



## Land and Ladies opportunities:

- The Woman Landowner Academies (annually)
- The Woman Landowner Symposium (Feb 23-24, 2023)
- Ultimate Woman Landowner membership (2023)
- Social Media





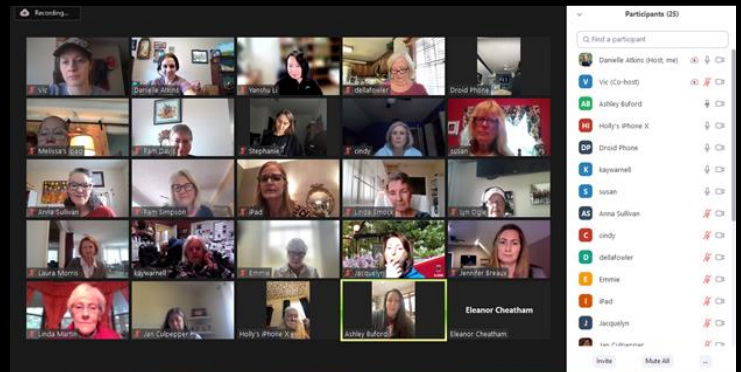
# Words from women after Land & Ladies events...

- *"Shortly after I bought the property, I met with someone. I believe he is a consulting forester, but not 100% positive. Anyway, we walked the property and I discussed what I thought I may want to do with it. Then he talked about a prescribed burn and maybe even cutting the timber from the back half of the property. I didn't really understand what he was talking about, what all of it meant and if I could trust him, so I've never met with him again. However, these classes have given me so much more knowledge that I didn't have 2 years ago. Thank you so much!"*

-Andrea F.

- *"Great event. I've now got a much better idea what to do with my land. Will attend your next event because today I learned how much more there is to learn."*

-Valerie M.



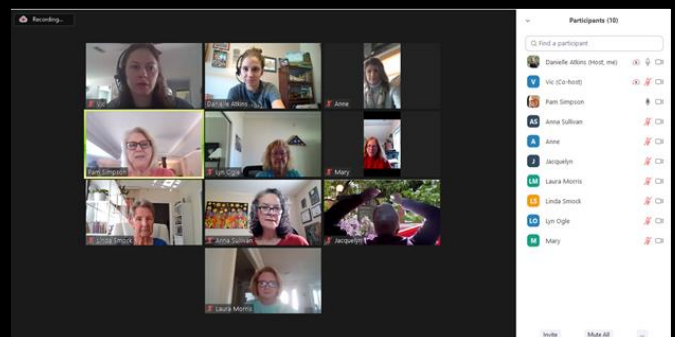
# Words from women after Land & Ladies events...

- *"I loved how the workshop was packaged so well and was filled with so much useful information. Being a woman landowner I feel this workshop increased my confidence and knowledge about how to manage my forest better and it was a very empowering workshop. Everyone was so helpful and welcoming to offer further assistance to the new landowners at anytime. Thank you all so much for holding the workshop. I look forward to attending the next workshop to learn more."*

-Gwen S.

- *"The work you are doing and the lives you will impact are valued and appreciated. My knowledge base was expanded and the info you shared will be used to manage my 'why' and my forest land."*

-CW L.



# How can you get involved?

- Join a program!
- Share with your family and friends.
- Subscribe to Land & Ladies to stay updated
- Follow/Like on Facebook and Instagram (@landandladies)
- Email Me!

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