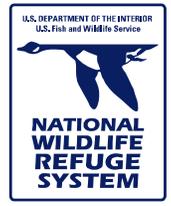


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An Evening at the Hook features **Current Insect & Disease Threats to Forest Health on Delmarva**

The lecture series, “An Evening at the Hook”, continues the 2009 season with **Current Insect & Disease Threats to Forest Health on Delmarva on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM**. Delaware's forests are threatened by a lengthy list of insects and pathogens, some of which are here in Delaware, and some of which have only been detected in neighboring States. Glenn Gladders, who is a Forest Health Specialist with the Delaware Forest Service, will cover several easy-to-diagnose insect and disease problems likely to be encountered by forest landowners in 2009. Join us before the lecture at 6:30pm for light refreshments.

“An Evening at the Hook” is a lecture series that highlights this nation’s abundant and diverse natural resources, particularly close to home at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge. Featured on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Refuge Auditorium, these hour-long programs provide an exciting opportunity to learn intriguing facts about our plants, animals, environment, and cultural history. The lectures are free, open to the public, and fun for the entire family. Seating is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call the Refuge at (302) 684-8419 for more information.

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