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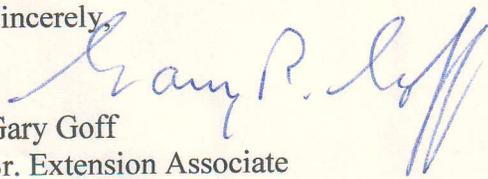
Dear Carl,

On behalf of the students and teaching faculty of Natural Resources 303, Forest Management and Maple Syrup Production, I wish to sincerely thank you for your presence at our final field lab of the semester. Having you on site to explain the mission, programs, and work of the US F&WS and the specific management practices you and Eric did for us at the Arnot Forest was invaluable. Setting back succession in the aspen stand for woodcock and grouse habitat, and the vernal pool construction provided a unique blend of traditional game and non-game management. Students need to see and understand how many species benefit from management designed for targeted species of interest.

Nearly all of the 25 students enrolled in the class expressed an interest in owning and managing their own forest land "someday". Plus, the majority are natural resources majors who will ideally be professionally involved in natural resource management within an agency or organization where they can help foster policy favorable to wildlife conservation.

I hope you have a good summer at work and down on the farm. Thank you again for your expertise on the land and with the students.

Sincerely,


Gary Goff
Sr. Extension Associate

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