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From the Editors of the Kentucky Woodlands Magazine:

The first few months in 2009 have indeed been interesting and this edition of the magazine highlights some of the issues that emerged. The short legislative session witnessed a wide range of forestry-related bills and a summary of each is provided by the Kentucky Woodland Owners Association.

Certainly, the biggest issue affecting woodland owners in 2009 was the ice storm. The photo guide of ice damage should help you assess damage to your trees and provides links to additional information on ice storm damage publications. The ice storm certainly reminds us that we can not take the health of our woodlands for granted. As a woodland owner, understanding what woodland health is and how to assess the health of your woodlands is important. We hope that the article "Woodland Health" helps you better understand the underlying principals and indicators of forest and woodland health. It is also important for many woodland owners to easily walk through their woods and the article, "Woodland Trails: layout, building, and maintenance" will provide you basic information needed to develop and maintain your trails.

This issue will also feature the first Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Newsletter that contains updates about the American Tree Farm Program in Kentucky and we hope to provide this as a regular feature of the magazine. As always, this issue also contains our standard departments covering Kentucky Champion Trees to how to kill invasive plants. We hope you enjoy and find useful this issue of the magazine and please provide us your comments on the tear-out or visit the Kentucky Woodlands Magazine on-line at www.ukforestry.org.

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Lyon County storm debris.



Photo courtesy: Susan Fox

About the Cover:

Susan Fox, Lyon County Extension Agent, contributed the cover photo of the January ice storm damage in Kuttawa, KY (Lyon County). The storm caused wide-spread damage to timber and landscape trees in western Kentucky. Thousands of utility poles snapped causing power outages that covered entire counties. It took 21 days to restore electricity to the entire county. Lyon County alone has removed more than 379,000 cubic yards of ice storm debris. This is fairly representative of other western Kentucky counties impacted by the ice storm. In Lyon County, this material is being converted to mulch.

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