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HEADLINES:

**Pawlenty and Steger join forces on climate change (MN)**

Governor Tim Pawlenty and Will Steger, world-renowned Arctic explorer and Minnesotan, are joining forces to bring attention to the impact of global climate change in Minnesota and possible solutions. The announcement was made after both attended a panel discussion on the impact of climate change on Lake Superior's economy, natural systems and tourism. The panel was part of a conference sponsored by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and other organizations.

<http://www.timberjay.com/current.php?article=3821> OR  
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=100709>

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**Forest Stewardship Council-US Announces Third Annual Designing & Building with FSC Award (MN & WI)**

The Forest Stewardship Council-US (FSC-US) has announced that the Aldo Leopold Foundation, based in Baraboo, WI, will receive the third annual Designing & Building with FSC Award for their Aldo Leopold Legacy Center headquarters building. The Designing and Building with FSC Award recognizes building projects that have furthered responsible forest management through their use of FSC-certified wood products. The award will be presented in a reception in conjunction with the U.S. Green Building Council's "GreenBuild" Conference and Expo in Chicago, IL, on November 8, 2007.

<http://www.dovetailinc.org/DovetailNews110507.html> OR  
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=100717>

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**For the love of giants (OR)**

At the bottom of the world's largest known Douglas fir, Will Koomjian perches on a 3-foot-wide fallen limb and aims a giant slingshot at a thick branch overhead. He takes a deep breath to steady himself. Then he shouts "headache" to warn the ground crew, pulls back on the rubber tubing and shoots a small lead-weighted orange pouch about 180 feet up.

<http://www.oregonlive.com/O/relationships/index.ssf?/base/living/1193954107283660.xml&coll=7&thispage=1> OR <http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=100707>

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**House panel passes timber import ban (DC)**

A bill that would prohibit importing timber and wood products that are illegally harvested passed a congressional committee Wednesday.

<http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/news/1194488712180980.xml&coll=7> OR <http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=100705>

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**Risking Wildfire: Researchers study how people think about what is and isn't risky (DC)**

Why do people live in places like southern California where homes intermingle with wooded areas and the risk of wildfire is so great? Leading social scientists have a surprising answer: because the emotional benefits interfere with their ability to assess the risks.

<http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/25556/> OR  
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=100701>

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### **Bug vs. bug: Hemlockfest helps labs grow killer beetle to save trees (GA)**

The third annual Hemlockfest, which runs Friday through Sunday just outside Dahlonega, offers music, food, crafts and other fun stuff. But the event is really all about bugs.

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/archive/939/> OR  
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=100710>

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### **Not much left of Robin Hood's Sherwood (England)**

Robin Hood might have a hard time hiding out in the Sherwood Forest of today. The forest once covered about 100,000 acres, a big chunk of present-day Nottinghamshire County. Today its core is about 450 acres, with patches spread out through the rest of the county.

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/environment/2007-11-04-sherwood\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/environment/2007-11-04-sherwood_N.htm)  
OR <http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=100708>

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### **Amazon Fire Wars Exacerbate Global Warming (Brazil)**

In Brazil, it's the end of the burning season, when people use fire to clear land for farms and ranches. But people also use fire as a weapon in range wars to push others off their land.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=16018097&ft=1&f=1001> OR  
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=100706>

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EVENTS

**The Great Lakes Water Wars**

November 12, 2007, Baraboo, WI

The Great Lakes Water Wars is the first authoritative examination of more than 100 years of Great Lakes water diversion controversies and the new Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Basin Water Resources Compact that hopes to lay them to rest. Author Peter Annin will present his findings on the struggle over use of the greatest fresh water resources on the planet, the Great Lakes. Annin, a former Newsweek correspondent, delves into the long history of political maneuvers and water diversion schemes that have proposed sending Great Lakes water everywhere from Akron to Arizona. Join author Annin as he uses the prism of the past to analyze the future of Great Lakes water resources.

Contact the Aldo Leopold Foundation for more information at 608-355-0279 ext. 27 or 28 or see <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=98583&categoryID>

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**Adapting Natural Resource Management in Northern Minnesota to a Changing Climate**

November 28, 2007, Bemidji, MN

Information forthcoming

Contact Bemidji State University – Natural Resources at 218-755-4900 or [cri@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:cri@bemidjistate.edu) or see <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=100541&categoryID>

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**Financial Planning for the Forest Landowner**

December 1, 2007, Baraboo, WI

Owning and taking care of land can be expensive; most forest landowners do not own land for investment purposes or to receive income from the sale of timber. If you invest substantial sums of money purchasing forest lands; planting and tending trees, shrubs and food plots; the development of trail systems; and buying and maintaining equipment, your management plan should include a strategy to deal with these expenses and the income derived from your forest. This seminar will help you understand the laws that apply to the expense and income related to your management activities, as well as the

programs that are available to help you minimize those expenses and reduce your tax burden.

Contact Jeannine Richards at 608-355-0279 ext. 25 or see  
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=100542&categoryID>

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**How to Dry Lumber for Quality & Profit**

December 3-6, 2007, Corvallis, OR

The purpose of this course is to provide a basic understanding of wood and how to dry it. Practical, up-to-date information will be provided on wood properties and how wood dries. You'll learn how both steam-heated and dehumidification kilns are made, operated and maintained, and how to create and modify kiln schedules for different species. Drying to meet the European quality standards and heat treating standards will also be discussed.

Contact CSU Conference Services at 800-678-6311 or see  
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=98576&categoryID>

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**The Science and Art of Wildlife Habitat Restoration Symposium**

December 10, 2006, St. Louis, MO

Agenda available on website:

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=100631&categoryID>

Contact Robert Schmidt at 217-352-4212 or see  
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=100631&categoryID>

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**Integrating Invasive Plant Species Data in the Midwest: Solutions for Data Collection and Management**

January 24-25, 2008, Madison, WI

Come join regional data managers, resource managers, researchers, and members of the National Institute of Invasive Species Science as we begin to discuss how to address issues related to regional invasive species data collection, integration, and dissemination. This event is being held at the Pyle Center in Madison, Wisconsin. This conference will have a wide range of information available to people interested in mapping large AND

small-scale infestations. One important feature of this conference will a session that will help people enter data into the NIIS database and create usable maps so please bring your invasive plant location information.

Contact Alycia Crall at 970-227-3310 or [crall@wisc.edu](mailto:crall@wisc.edu) or see <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=100537&categoryID>

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### **Invasive plant species and the new bioeconomy symposium**

February 6, 2008, Chicago, IL

The objective of this symposium is to encourage the wider use of risk benefit analyses of biofuel, and other bioeconomy, species by alerting professional weed scientists and invasion biologists to this important, emerging research area and providing them with a scientific starting point for further study.

Contact Dr. Adam David at [adam.davis@ars.usda.gov](mailto:adam.davis@ars.usda.gov) or see <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=100630&categoryID>

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### **INFORMATION**

#### **Woody Biomass Project Coordinator**

1. To develop, monitor progress toward, and adaptively modify goals and performance measures for the project. A 25 B
2. To develop and implement a process for distribution of project funds to eligible landowners/managers so that the funding is distributed in an efficient, equitable and timely manner in accordance with project goals, and woody biomass is made available for the energy industry. A 30 B
3. To coordinate participation of industry partners who will utilize the woody biomass produced by the management/restoration work so that woody material is made available in a timely and efficient manner. A 20 A
4. To create and implement an administrative program structure so that expenditures are documented, and project funds are utilized according to legislative intent. A 10 A

The Woody Biomass Project Coordinator creates a work plan and administrative program structure to guide the Woody Biomass/Restoration project. To be successful, he or she must maintain close working relationships and effective lines of communication with the supervisor/Central Region manager, Division Director, staff ecologists, Division administrative and clerical support staff, landowners, land managers, other Division and Department staff with an interest in the project, industry representatives, local conservation groups working on woody biomass utilization, natural resource stewardship organizations, and other stakeholders.

This person reports to the Ecological Resources Central Region Manager. Excellent written and oral communication skills are essential to accomplish the position responsibilities. One-on-one and group communication skills are used extensively. Written information is communicated through project plans, reports, memoranda, e-mail, and/or web pages. Information is also communicated orally via the telephone, and in meetings, conferences, and presentations.

Contact Bonita Eliason at 651-772-7640 for more information

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### **Chain-of-Custody Associate, US Region, Smartwood Program**

The CoC Associate will coordinate and manage the execution of SmartWood CoC certification services for a subset of new and existing SmartWood clients in the US. S/he will be directly involved in all aspects of CoC certification assessments and audits including scheduling, project management, customer service, management of contract auditors and quality control. The CoC Associate will also be expected to participate in projects as an auditor.

For more information contact [personnel@ra.org](mailto:personnel@ra.org) or see [http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/about.cfm?id=coc\\_assoc](http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/about.cfm?id=coc_assoc)

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### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **National Forest Certification Study**

This report describes the results of independent audits of five units of the National Forest System ranging from 500,000 to 1.5 million acres in size. This case study is the culmination of what has become a ten-year research project that ultimately involved forest certification audits on state forestlands in seven states, 30 areas of Native American tribal forestlands, and one national park. It should be noted that, in each case, the independent audits identified needs for corrective actions, and in each case these were successfully addressed by the agencies' forest managers. A general conclusion among the agencies themselves is that the reduction in costs associated with public controversy and legal challenges—not only on agency budgets but on the spirit and morale of their forest managers—more than offset the time and expense associated with the certification process.

<http://www.pinchot.org/> OR <http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=100627>

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## **National Forests on the Edge: Development Pressures on America's National Forests and Grasslands**

National Forest System lands provide critical social, economic, and ecological benefits to the Nation, including aesthetic and spiritual values, recreation opportunities, fresh drinking water, clean air, timber and other forest products, minerals, oil and gas, livestock grazing, and abundant habitats for fish and wildlife species (see page 4 for examples). These ecosystem services and amenity resources can be altered when new houses are built on private lands within or near forest and grassland boundaries.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/publications/gtr728/> or  
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=100614>

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