

Community Forestry Resource Center

Weekly News and Event Summary

March 5, 2009

The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy invites you to join us for an important conversation about the intersection of food, energy and climate change. From the field to our grocery stores and homes, our food system is a significant source of global warming emissions. Learn how we can redesign our food system to meet food, climate and energy goals. For more, visit <http://www.iatp.org/minnesotaglobal/>.

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Support IATP and make a difference in the world today!

IATP works hard to keep farmers on their land, to ensure the safety of our food supply and to preserve biodiversity and the environment for future generations. We cannot do this work without you. Please join us in our work of advocating for fair and sustainable food, farm and trade systems. Your support is greatly appreciated!

To make a donation, visit <https://www.thedatabank.com/dpg/2/donate.asp?formid=donate>.

If you have additional questions about supporting IATP, please contact Kate Hoff at 612-870-3404 or khoff@iatp.org or Anne Walters at 612-870-3408 or awalters@iatp.org. Thank you!

News

Local Certified Wood Products Meet Consumer Demands for Green Goods (Minn.)

DOVETAIL PARTNERS, INC. | MARCH 5, 2009

If you can brave the cold, you can see the green economy at work in Northern Minnesota where dozens of landowners, land managers and private companies have committed to producing certified wood and paper products that meet global standards for responsible forestry.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105404>

Area timber waste being used for biomass (Minn.)

DETROIT LAKES ONLINE | MARCH 5, 2009

Rather than burning the waste from logged land, there's a new alternative coming to Becker County. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105405>

Dovetail Partners Calls for Greater Use of Certification (Minn.)

DOVETAIL PARTNERS, INC. | MARCH 5, 2009

Opportunity to Expand Beyond Wood Certification to Other Building Materials

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105427>

Mr. Whipple Left It Out: Soft Is Rough on Forests (U.S.)

NEW YORK TIMES | MARCH 5, 2009

Americans like their toilet tissue soft: exotic confections that are silken, thick and hot-air-fluffed.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105406>

Hemlock Trees Dying Rapidly, Affecting Forest Carbon Cycle

MARCH 5, 2009

New research by U.S. Forest Service Southern Research Station (SRS) scientists and partners suggests the hemlock woolly adelgid is killing hemlock trees faster than expected in the southern Appalachians and rapidly altering the carbon cycle of these forests.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105408>

Papua New Guinea creates its 1st natural preserve

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE | MARCH 5, 2009

Papua New Guinea has created a nearly 190,000-acre preserve to protect tree kangaroos and other endangered species, after years of criticism for turning a blind eye to environmental issues, a conservation group said Tuesday. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105407>

Events

Minnesota's Woodlands and Climate Change

MARCH 12, 2009, ST. LOUIS PARK, MN

Climate change is happening. But how will it affect Minnesota's woodlands? This presentation will begin with a review of how our woodlands came to be and what they are today through glacier activity, timber harvesting, development, and more.

For more information, contact Barb Spears at 651-328-0463 or bjspears@q.com or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105281&categoryID=>

Birds and forests

MARCH 13, 2009, FARMINGTON, MN

Join us for a program on "Birds and Forests." Whether you live in a rural or urban setting, anyone interested in birds will find this an interesting program. Experts from the MN DNR and the Minnesota Audubon Society will present the subjects of "Game and Non Game Birds of the Forest "and" Backyard Bird Feeding.

For more information, contact Brad BEcker at 651-480-7782, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105403&categoryID=>

Tree Care Advisory Core Course

MARCH 14, 2009, ST. PAUL, MN

Mark your calendars for the 2009 Tree Care Advisor Core Course in St. Paul, Minnesota! Training includes education on several topics including: tree identification, plant selection, basic

physiology and morphology, soils, site analysis, firewood identification, diagnosis of disease and insect problems, pruning, planting and more.

For more information contact Dave Hanson at 612.624.1226 or hanso335@umn.edu or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=104658&categoryID=>

Biomass Field Day

MARCH 19, 2009, MORRIS, MN

Woody biomass is an abundant renewable resource in Minnesota, with significant potential for increased harvest and utilization. Woody biomass sources include logging slash, products from pre-commercial forestry treatments, and brushland harvest.

For more information, contact Diomy Zamora at 888-241-0720 or by email at zamor015@umn.edu or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105335&categoryID=>

Woody Biomass: Building the future with clean energy!

MARCH 21, 2009, NORTH BRANCH, MN

Learn about a local, renewable and clean alternative energy source that may affect you and your community. Not only woody biomass, but agricultural and herbaceous biomass have the potential to become very viable energy sources for the future.

For more information, contact Jason Rehn at 651-674-2333 or jason.rehn@mn.nacdnet.net, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105402&categoryID=>

Biomass for Local Renewable Energy and Economic Development

MARCH 26, 2009, PONSFORD, MN

Woody biomass has been used for thousands of years for cooking, heating and has received considerable attention in the recent past as a "fuel of the future". Our public forests and agricultural lands could provide a reliable supply of biomass for energy production while also maintaining ecological productivity.

For more information, contact the White Earth Natural Resources Department at 218-573-3007 or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105278&categoryID=>

How & What to Plant in your Forest

MARCH 27, 2009, DULUTH, MN

Description forthcoming.

For more information, contact the Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center at 218-721-3731 or by email at boulder@d.umn.edu or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105336&categoryID=>

Information

The Land Department Directory for Minnesota available online

Charlie Blinn of the University of MN Department of Forest Resources has compiled a handy directory of Minnesota county land department personnel. The guide is available through the [Minnesota Logger's Education Project Web site](#).

Publications

Property Tax Relief for Forest Landowners

MEL BAUGHMAN | FEB. 26, 2009

An excellent document written by Mel Baughman for the Minnesota Forestry Association about SFIA and 2c. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105337>

2010 National Report on Sustainable Forests

USDA FOREST SERVICE | JAN. 29, 2009

The Draft National Report on Sustainable Forests--2010 describes the state of forests in the United States of America and the indicators of national progress toward the goal of sustainable forest management.

Read the report at <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105063>.

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