

Community Forestry Resource Center
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June 26, 2008

This message includes news, headlines, and information gathered during the week.

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HEADLINES:

**Biomass study shows forest can handle harvest (MN)
Duluth News Tribune**

Cutting small trees and brush for energy can be done without harming Minnesota's northern forests, but the cost to do the work may be more than the profit.

<http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/articles/index.cfm?id=68846§ion=homepage&CFID=45527506&CFTOKEN=48822228&jsessionid=8830f35f34266f6c5c48> OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=103089>

Study: Removing biomass does no harm and prevents fires (MN)
MPR

Minnesota's forests are full of biomass -- trees and shrubs that could be used for fuel. With the price of gas and other fossil fuels going up and up, people are starting to use forest biomass to produce electricity.

http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2008/06/19/biomass_study/ OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=103090>

100 Years of Experimental Forests (U.S.)
PERC Reports

Since humans first set foot on American soil about 15,000 years ago, forest management has been a way of life. These Asian immigrants brought with them a vast knowledge of ways to manipulate forests (including the use of fire) and make them a source of food, shelter, medicine, bedding, tools, weapons, and a host of other essential uses.

<http://www.perc.org/articles/article1055.php> OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=103092>

Dead trees are dangerous trees (CO)
Vail Daily

The stacks of firewood piled at Gold Park Campground used to be tall, ready-to fall lodgepole pine trees towering over campers.

<http://www.vaildaily.com/article/20080622/NEWS/783960501/1062> OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=103096>

Leases to allow capture and use of methane from coal mines (CO)
Montrose Daily Press

Methane gas that would otherwise be vented into the atmosphere from local coal mines might now be captured through newly created lease terms.

<http://www.montrosepress.com/articles/2008/06/11/news/doc484f4c1417870733451935.txt> OR <http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=103097>

California's Redwood highway

OC Register

Ancient groves along Northern California's U.S. 101 offer a respite from the buzz saw of urban life.

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/redwoods-highway-trees-2073889-california-humboldt?slideshow=1> OR <http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=103098>

Court gives feds 'road map' for future logging (OR) AP via Seattle Post Intelligencer

A federal appeals court has upheld the U.S. Forest Service's authority to decide whether a tree is likely to die soon after a forest fire. But it ordered the agency to take a closer look at whether they should log at all after fires in small roadless areas -- parts of forests that have never been logged.

http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/368468_logging26.html OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=103100>

SAFE for Bears and Landowners (MS) US Fish & Wildlife Service

On June 23, Mississippi landowners can earn incentives by enrolling eligible cropland in a new program called SAFE designed to restore habitat for the federally protected black bear.

<http://www.fws.gov/southeast/news/2008/r08-032.html> OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=103095>

EVENTS:

Tree and Shrub Identification

July 10, 2008, Hovland, MN

Do you know what trees and shrubs are growing in your woodland? Are they native, marketable or invasive? Being able to have a general understanding of tree and shrub identification is important to better manage these plant species on your property. Differences in tree species, preferred soils, habitat types and growing conditions will be discussed.

Contact Denise Volk at 888-241-0724 or volkx005@umn.edu or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102715&categoryID> for more information.

Biomass for Sustainable Energy Solutions

July 17, 2008, Dubuque, IA

Raising awareness of biomass renewable energy opportunities in the Dubuque Region

Contact the Limestone Bluffs RC&D at 563-652-5104 or linda.swanson@rcdnet.net or see <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102981&categoryID> for more information.

Introduction to Watersheds

July 30, 2008, Grand Marais, MN

Learn about the Cascade River Watershed. Participants will be able to describe the watershed and how activities within the watershed affect sedimentation and erosion. The presentation will conclude with a discussion about landowner interests, and viewpoints. The information will be used to plan future classes and educational programs.

Contact Denise Volk at 888-241-0724 or volkx005@umn.edu or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102716&categoryID> for more information.

Controlling Runoff and Erosion around Your Property

July 31, 2008, Hovland, MN

This hands-on class will be held both indoors and outdoors. Learn how to use and maintain rain barrels, rain gardens, and silt fencing to reduce erosion and control runoff from your property.

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Small-Scale Logging Demonstration and Field Day

August 16, 2008, Aitkin, MN

What is small-scale logging? Small-scale logging is a system and a range of equipment that increases logging flexibility and extends production seasons. Small-scale logging is

designed for harvesting operations where maneuverability is a primary concern. It is not logging small trees and/or small volumes.

Why attend? Whether you are a logger, forester, woodland owner, or other land manager, this field day will show you how to maximize profitability through the use of small-scale logging equipment, harvesting, and processing techniques.

Contact Gary Bradford at 218-927-4599 or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=103069&categoryID> for more information.

Conservation Forestry Network's Ecological Forestry Workshop October 22-23, 2008, Elkins, WV

The workshop will focus on incorporating natural models into silviculture using management techniques that mimic ecological processes that have shaped our forests for thousands of years. The goal is to introduce core principles of natural disturbance and natural development-based silviculture, and matrix management paradigms through classroom lectures, discussion, and field visits to innovative projects that implement these principles.

Contact Sue Dimmick at 304-293-2941 ext. 2490 or Sue.Dimmick@mail.wvu.edu or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=103070&categoryID> for more information.

INFORMATION

Minnesota DNR Forest Biomass Coordinator Job Opening

Salary: \$ 24.61-\$ 36.50 hourly, \$ 51,386-\$ 76,212 annually

Location: St. Paul or Grand Rapids

Application Deadline: 07/31/2008

Job Duties: Develop and manage the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Forest Biomass Utilization Program.

Minimum Qualifications: B. S. Degree in Forest Management or Forest Products (or a closely related field of academic study) from a university program accredited by the Society of American Foresters, or comparable accrediting institution. Plus a M. S. Degree in Forest Products, or Forest based Business Development or closely related field and at

least two years advanced level professional experience equivalent to the NR Forestry Specialist, SENIOR class.

See Full Job Announcement for More Information at:

<https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/JobPosting/09da1b79fe189110d598e27b07deeb11/View>

How to Apply: You are strongly encouraged to submit your resume through the online Resume Builder at <https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/ResumeBuilder>

Questions Can be Directed to: Keith Jacobson; Email: keith.jacobson@dnr.state.mn.us, Phone: 651-259-5270.

PUBLICATIONS

Harvesting Fuel: Cutting Costs and Reducing Forest Fire Hazards Through Biomass Harvest

June 19, 2008 marks the release of IATP's report on biomass harvesting, entitled "Harvesting Fuel."

This study was designed to provide information on two sets of challenges to the development of biomass markets in and around the Superior National Forest: 1) economic and operational issues faced by loggers; and 2) environmental constraints of concern to and managers, scientists and policymakers involved in developing and refining biomass harvest practices. In the course of our study, we determined that administrative systems and constraints formed a third and important set of challenges to the development of biomass markets.

To read the full press release, visit: <http://www.iatp.org/iatp/press.cfm?refID=103060>

To read the Executive Summary, visit:

<http://forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=103062>

To read the full report, visit: <http://forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=103061>

Forest Certification Update: The Forest Stewardship Council

In 2004 and 2005 Dovetail Partners released a series of reports outlining the major forest certification programs, followed in April 2007 by a report highlighting subsequent changes within the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) program.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=103094>

Community Forestry Connections, Spring 2008 Newsletter

The Community Forestry Connections Newsletter is now available online. You will find updates on our recent projects, including our renewed FSC certification, and an update on our Biomass Utilization Grant Study.

Visit <http://forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=102814> to download the electronic version!

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