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### **HEADLINES:**

#### **Pilot Knob Hill Restoration Receives First Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Bio-Energy from Restoration Grant**

Great River Greening

Great River Greening, a nonprofit regional leader for community-based restoration of natural areas and open space announced today the start of an “innovative restoration for oak savanna” with a 3-acre clearing of overgrown middle aged forest at Pilot Knob Hill in Mendota Heights The project is one of two that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has awarded grant money as part of their new Woody Biomass Project.

Get the details at:

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=101966> OR

<http://forestrycenter.org/www.greatrivergreening.org>

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#### **The hills are green, but all's not well (CA)**

The LA Times

Frequent fires in Southern California are replacing chaparral and sagebrush with highly flammable, prolific nonnative weeds, scientists find.

Get the details at:

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=101967> OR

<http://www.latimes.com/news/science/environment/la-me-greenhills2mar02,1,7299047.story>

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#### **Courier Announces Forest Stewardship Council Certification**

Courier Corporation (Nasdaq: CRRC), one of America's leading book manufacturers and specialty publishers, today announced that it has achieved Forest Stewardship Council(TM: 104.64, -0.96, -0.90%) (FSC) Chain-of-Custody certification in recognition of its commitment to responsible forestry practices and adherence to "green" manufacturing standards.

Get the details at:

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=101895> OR  
<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=101895>

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### **New York Joins `Elite` Company with Certified Green Forests**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Pete Grannis announced today that state-owned forests have regained their status as "green certified" by internationally recognized standards, meaning they are managed with the highest sustainability requirements, a distinction awarded to only 10 percent of the world's forests and only a few American states.

Get the details at:

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=101964> OR  
<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=101964>

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### **Invading trees put rainforests at risk (HI)**

The Carnegie Institution

To the list of threats to tropical rainforests you can add a new one — trees. It might seem that for a rainforest the more trees the merrier, but a new study by scientists at the Carnegie Institution warns that non-native trees invading a rainforest can change its basic ecological structure — rendering it less hospitable to the myriad plant and animal species that depend on its resources.

Get the details at:

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=101968> OR  
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### **Alternative fuels from forests (LA)**

Fifty forest landowners and industry leaders learned about the potential of using low-grade wood products to produce biofuels during the recent Beauregard Forestry Association annual meeting at Deridder, La.

Get the details at:

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=101969> OR  
<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=101969>

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## **The Giving Trees**

OnEarth

For some people forests are measured in board-feet of lumber. For others they're a source of spiritual renewal. But scientists are finding that protecting ancient trees could also be an important new strategy in the fight against global warming.

Get the details at:

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=101971> OR  
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## **Carbon Output Must Near Zero to Avert Danger, New Studies Say**

The Washington Post

The task of cutting greenhouse gas emissions enough to avert a dangerous rise in global temperatures may be far more difficult than previous research suggested, say scientists who have just published studies indicating that it would require the world to cease carbon emissions altogether within a matter of decades.

Get the details at:

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=101965> OR  
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## EVENTS

### **Game of Logging**

March 15, 2008, Baraboo, WI

Mastering the basics of chainsaw safety is essential for woodland owners who want to be more active on their land. The "Game of Logging" is a four-level series designed to increase safety and efficiency of chainsaw use. Take the Level I course as an introduction to sawing and felling, or take the whole series to move toward mastering your chainsaw skills. Hands-on training in each session will give participants the opportunity to fell one or more trees with supervision.

Contact Jeannine Richards at [jeannine@aldoleopold.org](mailto:jeannine@aldoleopold.org) or 608-335-0279 ext. 25 or see <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=101640&categoryID>

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### **Field Demonstration: Crosscut saw vs. Cut-to-Length Harvester**

March 18, 2008, Grand Rapids, MN

Enjoy a field demonstration that will include a friendly competition between a historic, low tech, cross cut saw and a sophisticated, 'high-tech', cut-to-length harvesting system. A team of horses will skid logs out of the woods while nearby an efficient forwarder system will transport wood products to the road. It will be an interesting contrast in harvesting systems and technology. Just as important are the lessons of stewardship. Learn why the forest is being harvested and plans to improve the resource.

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**Agroforestry Training for Natural Resource Professionals**

March 20, 2008, Willmar, MN

Learn to design and apply agroforestry practices and to strengthen partnerships for agroforestry adoption and promotion. Topics will include: wildlife, product marketing, incentive and economic benefit analysis, cost-share programs, bioenergy production, and case study analysis.

Contact Diomy Zamora at [zamor015@umn.edu](mailto:zamor015@umn.edu) or 218-828-2332 or see <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=101961&categoryID=>

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**Introduction to Prescribed Fire as a Grassland Management Tool**

March 27, 2008, Baraboo, WI

We are pleased to offer two sessions of this popular class this year, one in Baraboo and one in Black Earth. The two-day course will cover the ecology of fire, fire behavior principles, and the elements of fire management planning, all particularly focused on prairie and savanna ecosystems. Participants will operate basic fire management tools, view the layout and preparation of a fire unit, and, weather permitting, conduct several real burns. This course will not prepare students to serve as a burn boss or conduct burns on their own. The course will enhance understanding of fire for landowners and resource managers, and will be as the basic crew member training by the Wisconsin Prescribed Fire Council. Lunch provided both days.

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**Large Scale Wind and Fire in Northern Minnesota Forests**

April 2, 2008, Cloquet, MN

Agenda: coming soon! Presenters: Lee Frelich and Roy Rich, UMN Department of Forest Resources.

See <http://sfec.cfans.umn.edu/featured.html#lswf> for more information.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### **Woody Biomass Utilization Summary by USFS**

This strategy describes how Forest Service programs can better coordinate to improve the use of woody biomass in tandem with forest management activities on both Federal and private lands. Although the focus is on the use of woody biomass, the primary broader objective is sustaining healthy and resilient forests that will survive an environment of natural disturbances and threats including climate change. The strategy details four goals: building partnerships, developing and applying new science and technology, expanding markets for bioenergy and biobased products, and facilitating a reliable and predictable supply of biomass.

Keywords: Woody biomass, bioenergy, biomass utilization, biobased products, forest biomass.

<http://forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=101963>

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