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**HEADLINES:**

**Pining for prairie (MN)**

**Friends of the Mississippi River**

The sub-zero temperatures in early March could not have come at a better time for restoration work at the Hastings Sand Coulee Scientific and Natural Area. While others lamented the persistence of winter, we rejoiced.

[http://www.fmr.org/news/current/sand\\_coulee-2008-03](http://www.fmr.org/news/current/sand_coulee-2008-03) OR

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=102027>

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**Loggers in crisis as downturn drags on (MN)**

**Timberjay Newspapers**

Minnesota's logging industry is in dire straits after two years of slack markets and record high fuel prices, and some in the industry are questioning whether conditions could eventually threaten much of northern Minnesota's wood products industry.

<http://www.timberjay.com/current.php?article=4184> OR

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=102033>

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**Government denies protected status for wolverines in mainland U.S.  
The Missoulian**

Wolverines in the contiguous United States were denied federal protection Monday at a time when new studies suggest they could become extinct within 45 years if climate change eliminates the snow zone they depend upon.

<http://www.missoulian.com/articles/2008/03/11/news/local/news03.prt> OR  
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=102030>

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**Tiny fly could aid the might hemlock (OR)  
The News & Observer**

Scientists look at natural way to combat pest that is destroying majestic trees in eastern U.S.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/story/998231.html> OR  
<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102031>

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**Beetles killing off the red bays  
The Baker County Press**

An invading insect from Asia known as the ambrosia beetle is decimating the red bay tree population in Baker County.

[http://bakercountypress.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1236&Itemid=1](http://bakercountypress.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1236&Itemid=1) OR <http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102032>

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**\$6 million research lab will produce ethanol and other biofuels from grasses and biomass (NY)  
Cornell Chronicle Online via Environmental News Network**

A former agricultural engineering, power and machinery lab at Cornell is being gutted to make way for a state-of-the art Biofuels Research Laboratory that will convert perennial grasses and woody biomass into cellulosic ethanol and other biofuels and will occupy the entire east wing of Riley Robb Hall by January 2009.

[http://www.enn.com/top\\_stories/article/32897](http://www.enn.com/top_stories/article/32897) OR  
<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102034>

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**Loggers Invaded Butterfly Haven, Photos Show (Mexico)**  
**The New York Times**

Illegal loggers have chopped their way deep into unique forest reserves in a mountain range in central Mexico where millions of monarch butterflies from eastern North America roost for the winter, according to researchers who posted satellite photographs of the area on a NASA Web site Wednesday evening.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/07/science/earth/07butterfly.html?\\_r=1&ref=todayspaper&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/07/science/earth/07butterfly.html?_r=1&ref=todayspaper&oref=slogin) OR <http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102036>

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**Conference hears of need for clear rules on carbon (Canada)**  
**The Vancouver Sun**

In Indonesia, tropical forests are being leveled and replaced with palm oil plantations to produce eco-friendly biofuel.

<http://www.canada.com/vancouversun/news/business/story.html?id=80b9d219-c284-438a-8177-f904ff95b4ce&k=97143> OR  
<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102028>

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EVENTS

**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.

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=101639&categoryID>

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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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### **Wildlife Habitat Workshop for Landowners in East Central Minnesota**

April 5, 2008, Mora, MN

Landowners with forest, brushland, grassland, wetland or lakeshore have an opportunity to provide habitat for a variety of animals and plants. Creating and maintaining healthy habitats with the food, cover, water, and space that wildlife need is a key component of good wildlife management. Come and learn more about sharp-tailed grouse, deer, turkeys, pheasants, prescribed burning, non-game wildlife, financial assistance programs, invasive species control, food plots, forest stewardship, and wetland and shoreline restoration

Contact Tim Pharis at 763-689-7110 or [tim.pharis@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:tim.pharis@dnr.state.mn.us) or see <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102026&categoryID>

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### **Measuring and Reading Your Forest**

April 16, 2008, Duluth, MN

Many forest landowners don't have a very good idea of what they own. Do you want to learn how to estimate how much wood is in a tree? Or how much wood is in your woodlot? This course will introduce you to the basics of forest measurement. It will help you better understand what a bid from a logger or a volume estimate from a forester means.

Contact Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center at 218-721-3731 or see <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102021&categoryID>

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### **Intergenerational Land Transfer**

April 17, 2008, St. Paul, MN

You've put your heart and soul into your woodland stewardship. Now you're thinking about passing the land to your children or grandchildren. But where to begin? Successful

land transfers require communication, careful planning, and attention to detail. It's never too early to start. During the two-part workshop you'll hear from a professional Certified Public Accountant, an attorney, and Extension forestry and family relations specialists. You'll also bring home two excellent workbooks and a DVD video. Bring other family members for no additional fee.

Contact Eli Sagor at 612-624-6948 or [esagor@umn.edu](mailto:esagor@umn.edu) or see <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102020&categoryID>

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**Non-Timber Forest Products: Shitake, Portable Mill & Ginseng**  
April 18, 2008, St. Charles, MN

Call for information.

Contact Angela Gupta at 507-280-2869 or [agupta@umn.edu](mailto:agupta@umn.edu) or see <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102022&categoryID>

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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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