

Community Forestry Resource Center
[Weekly News and Event Summary](#)
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This message includes news, headlines, and information gathered during the week.

Please excuse the delay in sending out our listserv this week. The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy Website (www.iatp.org) was featured on the Today show yesterday, April 10, after a segment on safer plastic choices, which caused the website to be down for several hours because of high traffic. If you are interested in our *Smart Plastics Guide*, please visit www.iatp.org, where you can find it on the main homepage. If you are interested in viewing the segment on the Today Show, please visit: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/24023514#24023514>

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HEADLINES:

Biomass plant planned for Iron Range (MN)

Timberjay Newspapers

An Ohio-based start-up company is looking at three Iron Range locations, including one in Orr, for construction of a new biomass pellet plant.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=102266> OR
<http://www.timberjay.com/current.php?article=4256>

As a City Rebuilds, Green is the Way to Go (MN)
Dovetail Partners, Inc.

At a recent planning meeting, the Warren Economic Development Authority (WEDA) determined that building green homes and offering green education is a step in the right direction for rebuilding a community hit by severe flooding in 1996 and 1997.

<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102272> OR
<http://www.dovetailinc.org/DovetailNews031908.html>

Amid dead pines, the seeds of new growth (CO)
The Denver Post

Forests will diversify, and more water will get into the ground.

<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102261> OR
http://www.denverpost.com/headlines/ci_8833203

Elgin tree clearing to make wetland healthier
The Daily Herald

The vast tree clearing alongside Randall Road near Tyler Creek in Elgin isn't a sign that Mr. T has come to town or the emerald ash borer has struck.

<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102263> OR
<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=167117&src=5>

Forest Service researchers link aspen die-off to warm, dry conditions (CO)
The Summit Daily News

Evidence is growing that drought conditions are killing Colorado's aspens at an unprecedented rate.

<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102262> OR
<http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20080404/NEWS/22249529>

Ruthless pest is waging war on hemlock stands (KY)

Associated Press via the Winston Salem Journal

When the speck-size woolly adelgid appears, hungry for nutrients inside a hemlock tree, it typically spells doom for the majestic evergreen's population.

<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102271> OR
http://www.journalnow.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=WSJ%2FMGArticle%2FWSJ_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173355231010&path=%21localnews&s=1037645509099

Slowing deforestation may be worth billions - study (World) Reuters Africa

A slowdown of deforestation from the Amazon to the Congo basin could generate billions of dollars every year for developing nations as part of a U.N. scheme to fight climate change, a study showed on Monday.

<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102264> OR
<http://africa.reuters.com/wire/news/usnL06460279.html>

Amazon's 'Forest Peoples' Seek a Role in Striking Global Climate Arrangements (Brazil) The New York Times

Some wore traditional headdresses, and some traveled by riverboat or canoe. But the dozens of "forest peoples" who descended on this capital of Amazonas State last week had a common goal of becoming bigger players in global climate talks.

<http://forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refID=102265> OR
http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/06/world/americas/06brazil.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

EVENTS

Forest Invasion: Buckthorn, EAB, and Other Invaders April 15, 2008, Caledonia, MN

Are you worried about invasive species like buckthorn, emerald ash borer, garlic mustard, and gypsy moth on your property? If so, this class is for you. Participants will learn how to identify invasive species of concern in southeast Minnesota. During this class we will also compare management strategies for dealing with these invaders. The class will begin with an outdoor field tour at Camp Winnebago so please dress for the weather. The class will likely end indoors.

Contact Jean Meiners by phone at 507-725-5807 or by email at meine006@umn.edu or see <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102208&categoryID>

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>

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 or see <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102020&categoryID>

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 or see <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102022&categoryID>

Sustainable Forestry Gathering

April 25-26, 2008, Wisconsin Dells, WI

These annual meetings are particularly focused on supporting collaboration and sharing effective practices among sustainable community forestry efforts in the Upper Midwest. Due to the range and level of activity taking place here, they have also attracted others from across the country.

Contact Warren Gaskill at 608-767-2906 or wgaskill@rapid-improvement.com or see <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=102140>

Forest Ecology and Management: From Soil to Sky

May 3, 2008, Baraboo, WI

Come out in the field to explore the native flora and fauna of forested communities found in southern Wisconsin and the Baraboo Hills! This course will build your understanding of basic forest ecology, composition, structure, and function. We will look at the forest as a whole community, from the smallest mushroom to the biggest tree, as well as the exotic species that threaten this biodiversity. We'll discuss the role of various forest management techniques in forest composition and sustaining biodiversity.

Contact Jeannine Richards by phone at 608-355-0279 ext. 25 or by email at Jeannine@aldoleopold.org or see <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102210&categoryID>

INFORMATION

The Significance of Private Forests in the US

The significance of Private Forests in the U.S. has students study the history of private forests and the values these lands have to the United States. Students will also examine family forests in America, and take a closer look at the challenges facing private forestland owners.

Visit <http://foresthstory.org/Education/Curriculum/Activity/activ10/activ10.htm> for more information

The Forest Landowners Guide to Internet Resources: for the Northeast and North Central Sites

This tool allows users to generate custom tables based on the 2002-2006 NWOS data. Users can select their state(s) of interest, the variable(s) of interest, and apply an optional

size of forest holdings filter. There are over 50 variables that can be summarized including landowners' concerns, demographics, forest holding characteristics, future intentions, leasing, and forest management practices, collection of nontimber forest products, owner type, program participation, ownership objectives, and timber harvesting.

This tool can be accessed through the NWOS website (<http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos>) or by going directly to: <http://fiatools.fs.fed.us/NWOS/tablemaker.jsp>.

INFORMATION

Equine Forestry Set to Air on TPT

“Equine Forestry” will air in Minnesota on Twin Cities Public Television on April 22 and 23 at 8:30 PM. Please tune in to watch the report: the use of horses in the logging industry is examined.

Forestry Internet seminars focus on beginner land owner issues

The owners of forest land who are new to the process of making decisions in the woods want to ensure they do no harm. The next two forestry Internet seminars focus on two common considerations of these owners. On April 16th, owners will learn how to select the trees to cut versus the trees to leave when they are producing firewood or otherwise improving the growth potential of their woods. On May 21st, owners will learn about the identification and basic ecology of common conifers in the Northeastern US. Internet seminars are offered the third Wednesday of each month at noon and again at 7:00 PM for approximately one hour. Both topics will be presented by Dr. Peter Smallidge, NYS Extension Forester.

The ForestConnect Internet Seminar Series is an interactive web conference and was the first of its kind in the US. Each seminar uses the Internet to distribute, or webcast, a live and interactive presentation. Since May 2007, web-based seminars have connected forest owners, managers, and practitioners from throughout the United States and overseas. More than 720 owners and managers from 40 states and three countries are registered and receiving announcements for the monthly webcasts.

Seminars occur on the third Wednesday of each month. Each webcast is provided live, twice. The initial broadcast each month is from noon to 1:00 PM with a repeat live broadcast the same day from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, Eastern Time. Participation is as easy as a high-speed internet connection via a web browser. Participants will connect to a secure Cornell Cooperative Extension server to join the presentation. Participants must pre-register once, without charge, at www.ForestConnect.info. Email notification of internet URL details will be sent to everyone registered.

PUBLICATIONS

Ecosystem Markets: New Mechanisms to Support Forestry

With the growing interest in global warming, climate change, and the influence that human activities have on our environment, there are increasing opportunities for market based mechanisms to support responsible forestry and environmentally beneficial land use decisions. An increasingly common market-based mechanism is the “carbon credit” which links marketplace values with the sequestration of carbon.

<http://dovetailinc.org/reports/pdf/DovetailEcoMkts0308dk.pdf> OR
<http://forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=102259>

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