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EPA Begins Sketching Carbon Capture and Storage Framework (U.S.) GreenBiz.com

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday began etching the regulatory framework for the underground storage of carbon dioxide.

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California Burns through Its Firefighting Funds Christian Science Monitor

Lawmakers advance a bill to add insurance surcharges to those living in disaster-prone areas. Critics say it's overbroad.

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Pine beetle threat grows in the West (U.S.)

USA Today

Amy Gannon, hatchet in hand, sliced a slab of bark from a lodgepole pine tree near Wolf Creek, Mont., and quickly spotted a mountain pine beetle larvae no bigger than her pinky fingernail.

http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=103225

Meridian Seed Orchard key cog in reforestation (WA) The Olympian

The Meridian Seed Orchard, owned and operated by the state Department of Natural Resources, is an island of funny-looking trees in a sea of spreading suburbia.

http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=103227

An Oregon county could vanish along with timber payments The Oregonian

Federal money - Unable to pay for mandatory services, Curry and Josephine counties face dissolution.

http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=103229

Ecuador Constitutional Assembly Votes to Approve Rights of Nature in New Constitution The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund

Legal Defense Fund: Ecuador First Nation in the World to Shift to Rights-Based Environmental Protection Using Legal Defense Fund Support.

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EVENTS

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.

Contact Denise Volk at 888-241-0724 or volkx005@umn.edu or visit http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=102717&categoryID for more information.

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 <u>http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=103069&categoryID</u> 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 <u>Sue.Dimmick@mail.wvu.edu</u> or visit <u>http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=103070&categoryID</u> for more information.

INFORMATION

WDNR to hold public hearings on invasive species

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will hold a series of public hearings around the state in August on proposed rules relating to the identification, classification and control of invasive species. For your information, a copy of the Hearing Notice is attached, which includes the dates and times of the hearings. To access the official public hearing site for this rule, go to

<u>https://apps.dhfs.state.wi.us/admrules/public/Rmo?nRmoId=505</u>. To access the DNR's website with more detailed information on the rule, go to <u>http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification/</u>

If you choose to comment via email, please address it to: DNRNR40Comments@wisconsin.gov

If you choose to comment in writing, please address it to: NR 40 Comments, Endangered Resources-6, DNR, Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921

Job Opening: Summer Forestry Aid

Clearwater Forest Consultants, LLC (<u>www.clearwaterforestconsultants.com</u>) is seeking to employ 1-2 Forestry Aides for summer-fall term positions beginning ASAP and ending when classes resume or projects are completed. Primary duties will be to assist permanent staff conduct intensive forest inventories. Position will require overnight travel 4-5 days a week. All travel expenses are provided by the company for out of town work. Assistance in locating temporary lodging in or near Piedmont, MO for the term may also be provided.

These positions can be used by students needing to fulfill internship obligations.

One of these positions may mature into a full time position depending upon availability of the employee and their proven abilities.

Coursework and abilities must include:

- \$ Dendrology
- Silviculture
- Mensuration & Statistics
- \$ \$ \$ Forest Ecology
- \$ **GIS/GPS** Applications

To apply please submit a résumé (or application from the company website), cover letter, and a copy of your most current transcript to CFC ATTN: Kyle Flinn, Director of Field Operations.

Clearwater Forest Consultants, LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Missouri Developing Best Management Practices for Harvesting Woody Biomass **Draft available for public review**

A draft of the Missouri Best Management Practices for Harvesting Woody Biomass is available via the Missouri Department of Conservation website: http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/MDCLibrary/MDCLibrary2.aspx?NodeID=2055

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

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