

Community Forestry Resource Center

Weekly News and Event Summary
April 2, 2009

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Support IATP and make a difference in the world today!

IATP works hard to keep farmers on their land, to ensure the safety of our food supply and to preserve biodiversity and the environment for future generations. We cannot do this work without you. Please join us in our work of advocating for fair and sustainable food, farm and trade systems. Your support is greatly appreciated!

If you have additional questions about supporting IATP, please contact Kate Hoff at 612-870-3404 or khoff@iatp.org or Anne Walters at 612-870-3408 or awalters@iatp.org. Thank you!

News

North Shore ice storm leaves ‘heartbreaking’ tree damage in its wake

DULUTH NEWS TRIBUNE | APRIL 2, 2009

The streets of Silver Bay and the ridges of the surrounding Superior National Forest are studded with twisted, toppled and snapped limbs and trunks after last week's ice storm.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105653>

Loggers Try to Adapt to Greener Economy (Ore.)

NEW YORK TIMES | APRIL 2, 2009

Robbie Robinson of Starfire Lumber in Cottage Grove, Ore., worries that there will not be room for large-scale logging in the future. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105644>

If a tree doesn't fall in the forest, who gets paid? (N.Y.)

THE TIMES UNION | APRIL 2, 2009

Getting paid to log the Adirondacks is fine by Peter Stein. Just like getting paid not to log. And maybe even someday getting paid for keeping forests intact as a home to wildlife, to cleanse air and water, and fight climate change. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105645>

Congress votes to expand wilderness in 9 states

AP | APRIL 2, 2009

Congress has voted to set aside more than 2 million acres in nine states as protected wilderness — from California's Sierra Nevada mountains to the Jefferson National Forest in Virginia.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105650>

Researchers test trees for answers (Mont.)

THE WESTERN NEWS | APRIL 2, 2009

Libby Ranger District and Rocky Mountain Research Station officials are hoping to find answers among the trees during an operation that could begin any day now in an area behind Bighorn Terrace near Libby.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105652>

Lemur Forests Pillaged by `Gangs` as Madagascar Reels

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC | APRIL 2, 2009

With Madagascar's government paralyzed after a recent coup, looters are invading the African island country's protected wildlife sanctuaries, harvesting trees and threatening critically endangered lemurs and other species, conservationists said this week.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105646>

Former foes celebrate rainforest plan (B.C.)

BC LOCAL NEWS | APRIL 2, 2009

The "war in the woods" ended officially this week as provincial, aboriginal, forest industry and environmental leaders celebrated the completion of new sustainable resource rules for a vast region of the B. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105654>

Events

Winter Tree Identification Workshop

APRIL 11, 2009, LA FARGE, WI

The Kickapoo Woods Cooperative (KWC) is offering a free instructional hike near La Farge to learn how to identify local tree species in the winter when there are no leaves present to help with identification.

For more information, contact Lila Marmel at 608-624-5269 or sunmoon@mwt.net or visit [http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105648&categoryID=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105648&categoryID=)

Chainsaw Safety Classes

APRIL 15-16, 2009, LA FARGE, WI

The Kickapoo Woods Cooperative (KWC) and Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) are offering Chainsaw Safety Level I and Level II on April 15 and 16 at the KVR near La Farge. The KWC regularly offers level 1 chainsaw safety training twice a year, usually in October and April, and you must have taken that class to be eligible to take the more advanced level two training.

For more information, contact Lila Marmel at 608-624-5269 or sunmoon@mwt.net or visit [http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105593&categoryID=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105593&categoryID=)

Small Woodland Management

APRIL 23, 2009, ROCHESTER, MN

Do you own a woodland of less than 20 acres? Do you own a large wooded yard? Interested in learning how to take care of your woodland? If you answer "yes" to these questions, this class is for you! The class will focus on planning and goal setting, identifying what you have, writing a plan, keeping your woodland healthy, planting trees, attracting wildlife and much more.

For more information, contact Angela Gupta at 507-280-2869 OR agupta@umn.edu or visit [http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105643&categoryID=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105643&categoryID=)

Fueling the Future: The Role and Use of Biomass for Energy

APRIL 25, 2009, DULUTH, MN

Learn about a local, renewable and clean alternative energy source that may affect you and your community. Woody Biomass has the potential to become a very viable energy source for the future. See what potential you have for woody biomass production and what current biomass markets are and future markets will be in your community.

For more information, contact Paul Sandstrom at 218-720-5225 or

Paul.Sandstrom@mn.usda.gov or visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105649&categoryID=>.

Wetland Connections Conference

JUNE 21-26, 2009, MADISON, WI

Wetland Connections is a deliberately broad and inclusive theme for the 2009 conference. Although wetlands cover only 5% of the earth's surface, they maintain essential links between land and water — in inland lakes and streams, arctic muskeg, and where the inland waters meet the ocean in estuaries, salt marshes, and mangroves.

For more information, visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105535&categoryID=>

Information

CVal: A Carbon Valuation Tool for Foresters and Private Forest Landowners

The CVal spreadsheet is a powerful tool that will help foresters, managers, and project developers work with private forest landowners to assess the economic profitability of participating in carbon markets. CVal provides a discounted cash flow analysis based on a full accounting of variables, including tract size, carbon sequestration rate, carbon price, and enrollment and trading costs. Automated, financial break-even analyses in the macros version quickly assess threshold values of key variables for profitable projects, and the program readily performs "what if" calculations after storing starting values.

CVal was designed to evaluate managed forest and afforestation projects traded on the Chicago Climate Exchange, but its methodology could be adapted for other trading mechanisms and agricultural sequestration projects. Documentation is provided in the program itself and in GTR-180. CVal was developed by Ted Bilek (USFS Forest Products Lab), Peter Becker (Eastern Ozarks Forestry Council), and Tim McAbee (LandMark Systems), and is available at no cost.

Download CVal and GTR-180 at http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/documnts/fplgtr/fpl_gtr180.html.

The Land Department Directory for Minnesota available online

Charlie Blinn of the University of MN Department of Forest Resources has compiled a handy

directory of Minnesota county land department personnel. The guide is available through the [Minnesota Logger's Education Project Web site](#).

Publications

Property Tax Relief for Forest Landowners

MEL BAUGHMAN | FEB. 26, 2009

An excellent document written by Mel Baughman for the Minnesota Forestry Association about SFIA and 2c. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105337>

2010 National Report on Sustainable Forests

USDA FOREST SERVICE | JAN. 29, 2009

The Draft National Report on Sustainable Forests--2010 describes the state of forests in the United States of America and the indicators of national progress toward the goal of sustainable forest management.

Read the report at <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105063>.

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