

## **Community Forestry Resource Center**

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Weekly News and Event Summary

May 14, 2009

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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](mailto:khoff@iatp.org) or Anne Walters at 612-870-3408 or [awalters@iatp.org](mailto:awalters@iatp.org). Thank you!

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## News

### **Many conifers had a rough winter (Minn.)**

HUTCHINSON LEADER | MAY 14, 2009

Many homeowners are concerned this spring because the needles of many conifers have turned purple, red or rust-colored. The immediate assumption is that the trees are dead or dying. Although the needles look terrible, the buds, twigs and trees are probably not dead. [Read more...](#)

### **'Wood chip' energy could be part of city heating (Minn.)**

TIMBERJAY NEWSPAPERS | MAY 14, 2009

The Ely City Council got a look at an alternative community energy source that has been environmentally friendly in European cities for several years. [Read more...](#)

### **Final draft of Group Certification standard out for public consultation**

FSC | MAY 14, 2009

The standard prescribes the requirements that group entities must meet when seeking FSC group forest management certification. The requirements are based on the "FSC-POL-20-001 FSC Policy Group Certification – FSC guidelines for certification bodies" approved in 1998. [Read more...](#)

### **New beetle might pose deadly threat to O.C. oaks (Calif.)**

OC REGISTER | MAY 14, 2009

A little known wood-boring beetle is killing oak trees in eastern San Diego County and eventually could pose the same threat in Orange County, says the U.S. Forest Service. [Read more...](#)

### **Thinning projects help loggers find work (Mont.)**

THE MISSOULIAN | MAY 14, 2009

As lumber mills grind to a halt, their saws dulled against the blunt edge of a national housing slump, loggers and log haulers are likewise being forced out of their woods work. [Read more...](#)

### **Big questions linger around major source of carbon emissions (World)**

THE NEW YORK TIMES | MAY 14, 2009

As environmentalists and politicians rally around the inclusion of avoided deforestation projects in an international climate change agreement, some big questions about forest and land ownership loom unanswered. [Read more...](#)

### **What's the Carbon Footprint of Your Toilet Paper? (U.K.)**

REUTERS | MAY 14, 2009

Tesco is charging ahead with its plans to slap a carbon label on all of its private label products to denote the amount of greenhouse gas emissions it takes to produce each item. [Read more...](#)

### **Brazil's other big forest in dire straits**

NEW SCIENTIST | MAY 14, 2009

THE ongoing degradation of the Amazon rainforest has obscured the plight of its smaller sibling: the Atlantic forest in Brazil, which is a biodiversity hotspot. Once covering about 1.5 million square kilometres, the rainforest has been reduced to about one-tenth of its original area in the past 500 years, a new study has shown. [Read more...](#)

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## **Events**

### **Finding Airphotos & Mapping Your Land**

May 14, 2009, Cloquet, MN

We'll show you where to find quality airphotos of your (or any other) Minnesota wooded property. You'll also learn how to use free web-based mapping applications to build custom maps of your property's trails, boundaries, and other features.

For more information, contact Eli Sagor at 612-624-6948 or [esagor@umn.edu](mailto:esagor@umn.edu), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105908&categoryID=>

### **Small Woodland Management**

MAY 19, 2009, ANDOVER, 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 more.

For more information, contact Barb Spears at 651-328-0463 or [bjspears@q.com](mailto:bjspears@q.com), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106031&categoryID=>

### **IPAW Annual Meeting**

May 30, 2009, Madison, WI

The annual meeting of the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin will provide educational, social and entertainment opportunities. IPAW members and others are invited to participate. We are synchronizing our meeting with a 2-day workshop that will train more than 100 people on documenting and monitoring the location of invasive plants in Wisconsin with high tech tools.

For more information, contact the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105906&categoryID=>

### **Bird Friendly Forestry**

JUNE 6, 2009, LA FARGE, WI

Learn about sustainable forestry and bird habitat management! Join leading experts in the field as they discuss forest stewardship options and the management of forest habitat for neotropical migratory songbirds.

For more information, contact David Wilson at 608-723-6377 ext. 135 or [David.Wilson@rcdnet.net](mailto:David.Wilson@rcdnet.net), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106032&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=>

### **Family Forestland Ownership and Taxes**

JUNE 23, 2009, INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN

Landowners with income from timber sales receive significant tax benefits if they operate as a business. Learn what you should do to show that you are operating as a business. You will learn about a simple record keeping method that can document a business interest and create a personalized history of your woodland.

For more information, contact Justin Berg at 218-283-1175 or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105946&categoryID=>

### **Invasive Plant Species Control Measures**

JULY 20, 2009, GRAND RAPIDS, MN

Discuss problems presented by invasive non-native plants and the difficulties in eradicating them from your properties.

For more information, contact Keith Matson at 218-246-8104 or [keithmatson@hotmail.com](mailto:keithmatson@hotmail.com), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105947&categoryID=>.

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## Information

### **Information on Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine in Houston County, MN**

On April 22, 2009, Minnesota established a quarantine area for emerald ash borer (EAB) which included all of Houston County. EAB has not been detected in Houston County, but Minnesota has established it as a quarantine area due to its physical proximity to a known EAB infestation in Vernon County, WI.

For more information on the EAB quarantine area in Minnesota, visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refid=105911>.

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## 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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