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News

Family Forests Alliance Releases Report on Certification Field Test

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FSC Family Forest Standard Moves Forward in Revision Process

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106219>

Forest projects aimed at wildfire protection misdirected, study says (Colo.)

LOS ANGELES TIMES | JUNE 11, 2009

With the federal government spending nearly \$3 billion trying to reduce the impact of fire in national forests, a new academic study suggests the bulk of the work is being done in precisely the wrong places. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106218>

Family, finances prompted Forest Service nominee's withdrawal

NEW YORK TIMES | JUNE 11, 2009

President Obama's nominee to lead the Forest Service and farmland conservation programs says he withdrew his name from consideration for family and financial reasons.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106214>

Endangered species returned to Wayne National Forest (Ohio)

IRONTON TRIBUNE | JUNE 11, 2009

The Wayne National Forest along with several partners released 300 pairs of the American burying beetle (ABB) onto the Forest in an effort to reintroduce populations of this endangered species in a tri-county area including Athens, Morgan, and Perry County.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106215>

Obama budget boosts U.S. Forest Service

BEMIDJI PIONEER | JUNE 11, 2009

President Barack Obama's 2010 budget would boost U.S. Forest Service funding by 8.9 percent.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106222>

Exploring the 'Google forest' (Africa)

BBC NEWS | JUNE 11, 2009

Hunting chameleons is a night-time activity, but there's no need for stealth or even speed.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106216>

Brace for summer of 'large and severe blazes,' expert warns (B.C.)

THE GLOBE AND MAIL | JUNE 11, 2009

A spell of unusually hot and dry weather has been a factor in the early start to forest fires
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106217>

Pine beetle culprit in spread of B.C. forest fire

VANCOUVER SUN | JUNE 11, 2009

The pine beetle is helping spread a B.C. forest fire.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106227>

Events

Forest and Range Owners Field Day

JUNE 20, 2009, REPUBLIC, WA

The Forest and Range Owners Field Day is an out-in-the-woods educational experience that will 1) increase awareness of fundamental management techniques and emerging issues, 2) stimulate best practices behaviors, and 3) unite landowners with products and services that will help them accomplish their land stewardship objectives.

For more information, contact Andy Perleberg at 509-667-6540 or visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106143&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=>

Growing Green Wood Markets: A forum on FSC certified forest product markets

JUNE 23, 2009, GREENSBORO, NC

Join forest products companies, TIMOs, landowners, green builders, FSC staff and others in

discussion about current markets and opportunities to expand markets for FSC certified forest products in the South.

For more information, contact the Southern Forests Network at 828-277-9008 or howdy@southernstableforests.org or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106230&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 Ketih Matson at 218-246-8104 or keithmatson@hotmail.com, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105947&categoryID=>.

Information

Job Openings: Clearwater Forest Consultants, LLC

Clearwater Forest Consultants, LLC is seeking to hire one Forester and one Forest Technician. Both positions will initially be located in our Piedmont, Missouri office. Visit www.clearwaterforestconsultants.com for detailed job descriptions and application instructions.

Woody Biomass Harvest for Habitat Restoration in Minnesota

An RFP titled "Woody Biomass Harvest for Habitat Restoration" has been posted to solicit potential projects to be funded through the Woody Biomass Project of the MN DNR Ecological Resources Division. Funds to be dispersed in this final round resulted from previous projects that were completed at a cost lower than originally estimated.

The project description, selection criteria, selection process, and application information can be found on the MN DNR Grants webpage at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/biomass.html>. Application deadline is 12:00 noon on June 26, 2009. Please contact Barb Spears, Woody Biomass Project Coordinator, with any questions at 651-259-5849

New: How to Respond to Questions about EAB in Minnesota

Since the discovery of EAB in St. Paul and just into Wisconsin east of Houston County, Minnesota, you may have landowners calling you about EAB. Attached is a one-pager that outlines EAB information sources and who to contact if you or one of your clients has questions about EAB. The document also addresses EAB quarantines, firewood restrictions, and gypsy moth information. View the document by visiting <http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=106189>.

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>.

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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