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News

Minnesota Communities teach Swedes about Farms, Forests, and Clean Energy

DEC. 4, 2009

Last month Minnesota became home to Swedish business partners Erik Sundell and Per Hallnevik as they traveled across the state to learn more about farming and agricultural practices. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107021>

Forest Carbon Working Group issues report of first meeting

DEC. 3, 2009

The Forest Carbon Working Group (FCWG) has issued a report of their first meeting. Representatives from economic, social and environmental organizations in the North and South participated in the meeting to identify and prioritize the issues and topics that will determine the FCWG's strategy and activities. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107009>

FACTBOX: Sticking points for forest CO2 scheme at Copenhagen

DEC. 3, 2009

A U.N.-backed scheme that aims to reward developing nations for saving or rehabilitating their forests has made major progress during climate negotiations over the past two years and is likely to advance further at talks in Copenhagen. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107010>

Borneo Natives Proclaim Tropical Forest Reserve

DEC. 3, 2009

Seventeen indigenous Penan communities have proclaimed a new tropical forest reserve on their native lands in the jungles of Borneo. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107011>

Reducing Greenhouse Gases May Not Be Enough To Slow Climate Change

DEC. 4, 2009

Georgia Tech City and Regional Planning Professor Brian Stone is publishing a paper in the December edition of Environmental Science and Technology that suggests policymakers need to address the influence of global deforestation and urbanization on climate change, in addition to greenhouse gas emissions. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107015>

Beetle Bill to boost Biofuel

DEC. 4, 2009

Backers of biofuel and biopower see the millions of lodgepole pine trees killed by the Rocky Mountain bark beetle epidemic as a source of carbon-neutral power.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107016>

What old pines seem to like may kill them

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Higher temps have mountain trees thriving — for now

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107017>

Forest area bigger than Canada can be restored

REUTERS | DEC. 4, 2009

Only one fifth of the world's forests remain but an area bigger than Canada could be restored without harming food production, a global alliance dedicated to restoring forests said on Thursday. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107018>

The big debate over the eucalyptus

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Is the eucalyptus tree to blame for the drying up of rivers in the places it is grown? That is a question that has generated debate even as farmers continue to carry out a directive by Environment minister John Michuki that all eucalyptus grown on riparian land be cut down.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107019>

OSU report finds shrinking snowpack but healthy forests

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Snowpack in some of the Oregon Cascade Range is dwindling, but western Oregon's Douglas fir forests appear unchanged, according to an analysis of climate change by researchers at Oregon State University. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107020>

Events

64th NCWSS Annual Meeting Information Center

DECEMBER 7-10, 2009, KANSAS CITY, MO

The North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) would like to invite you to their Annual Meetings to be held from Dec. 7-10th in Kansas City, MO. The program chair, Chris Boerboom, the programming committees of NCWSS, and the local arrangement committee are working hard to produce a quality program.

For more information contact the North Central Weed Science Society at (217) 352-4212 or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106692&categoryID=>.

Fire Behavior

DECEMBER 12, 2009, BARABOO, WI

This course will discuss the effects of fuels, weather and topography on fire behavior. It will give

students tools to determine what type of fire weather and fire behavior to look for so that they can meet their prescribed burn objectives.

For more information, contact Alanna Koshollek at (608) 355-0279, x.30 or alanna@aldoleopold.org, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106903&categoryID=>.

Reducing Emissions from Forest Degradation: FSC Certified Forest Management With a case study from the Maya Biosphere Reserve

DECEMBER 16, 2009, COPENHAGEN

Given global demand for forest products, improving management of productive forest lands will be essential to addressing climate change and forest conservation. Mixing protective and extractive management practices can significantly reduce forest degradation if carried out to internationally-accepted social and environmental standards such as those of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

For more information, contact Julianne Baroody at jbaroody@ra.org or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107022&categoryID=>

Wisconsin Wetlands Association 15th Annual Wetland Science Conference

FEBRUARY 11-12, 2010, EAU CLAIRE, WI

The conference will convene members of the regional wetland community to discuss the latest in wetland science, management and protection issues as they relate to the ecological services wetlands provide.

For more information contact the Wisconsin Wetlands Association at 608-250-9971 or info@wisconsinwetlands.org, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107013&categoryID=>.

Information

MyMinnesotaWoods.org Makes Updated Information on Property Tax Relief for Minnesota Land Owners Available

The Web site MyMinnesotaWoods.org recently posted an updated version of a document with information on property tax programs available to forest owners in Minnesota. Check it out at <http://www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/2009/11/property-tax-relief-minnesota-forest-landowners/>.

Publications

U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Inc. Releases Report on Community Resilience and Wealth

(From the Web site): "The U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities (the Endowment)...announced the release of Community Resilience and Wealth: The challenges and opportunities for rural communities in a rapidly changing world, a report developed by Shanna Ratner and Dr. Susanne Moser."

"The Endowment-sponsored report is intended to better define resiliency in the community context and to aid understanding of how resiliency applies to communities. In addition to an extensive literature review, the report is the result of a series of interviews with a broad spectrum of community practitioners." <http://usendowment.org/communityresilience.html>.

Nontimber Forest Products Curriculum Workbook Now Available

The Institute for Culture and Ecology (IFCAE) has conducted several regional and national studies documenting the important role of nontimber forest products in the United States. Universities and extension programs are increasingly looking for ways to include information about NTFPs in curricula. To address this demand IFCAE developed the 451 page Nontimber Forest Product Curriculum Workbook containing over 100 lesson plans, handouts, and homework assignments. Also included are PowerPoint files that can be used as is or modified by the instructor as needed. Review the materials at <http://www.ifcae.org/projects/ncssf2/index.html>.

New CFRC Newsletter Available Now!

The new edition of the Community Forestry Connections newsletter is now available on the forestrycenter.org Web site as a PDF file for download. In the fall 2009 issue you can get recent updates on the work that the Community Forestry Resource Center has been supporting, including: a habitat restoration and bioenergy program, a bird-friendly forestry project, Emerald Ash Borer in Minnesota and Wisconsin, the Wisconsin BMP's for invasive species and an update on the CFRC forest certification program. Download the newsletter at <http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=106828>.

Conservation Buffers: Design Guidelines for Buffers, Corridors, and Greenways

USDA NATIONAL AGROFORESTRY CENTER

The Conservation Buffers website offers resources for planning and designing buffers in rural and urban landscapes. The primary resource is Conservation Buffers: Design Guidelines for Buffers, Corridors, and Greenways which provides over 80 illustrated design guidelines synthesized and developed from a review of over 1400 research publications. Learn more at: <http://www.unl.edu/nac/bufferguidelines/>.

Forests, Water and People Analysis

USDA FOREST SERVICE

The Forests, Water and People analysis uses maps produced in a geographic information system (GIS) to highlight the connection between forests and the protection of surface drinking water quality. This connection of "forest to faucet" is of vital importance to people in the Northeast and Midwest. Forests are the crucial first barrier to protection of drinking water, and managing

forests for source water protection is becoming more important as the population and water demand increase. Approximately 50 to 75 percent of the region's population relies on surface water as their municipal drinking water source – more than 52 million people receive clean drinking water from nearly 1,600 community water systems. These water supplies are protected largely by private forest lands. This analysis identifies these water supplies and the forests that protect them. Learn more at: http://www.na.fs.fed.us/watershed/fwp_preview.shtm.

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