

## Community Forestry Resource Center

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Weekly News and Event Summary

December 17, 2009

This message includes news, headlines and information gathered during the week.

**Please note:** The CFRC Weekly Summary will be on hiatus until January 7--we hope to have many interesting stories and events to share with you upon its return!

**IATP is in Copenhagen!** Several key staff members are in Copenhagen for the climate talks that are now drawing to a close. You can learn more about IATP's position on climate change by visiting our [Climate page](#). You can also [become a fan on facebook](#), [follow us on twitter](#), or [read the Think Forward blog](#) to keep up on the happenings at the Climate Conference in Copenhagen.

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## News

### **Biodiversity Loss Can Increase Infectious Diseases in Humans**

DEC. 17, 2009

The extinction of plant and animal species can be likened to emptying a museum of its collection, or dumping a cabinet full of potential medicines into the trash, or replacing every local cuisine with McDonald's burgers. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107054>

### **Carbon and Oxygen in Tree Rings Can Reveal Past Climate Information (Canada)**

DEC. 17, 2009

The analysis of carbon and oxygen isotopes embedded in tree rings may shed new light on past climate events in the Mackenzie Delta region of northern Canada.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107055>

### **FSC Denmark showcases its 'Home Green Home' in Copenhagen**

DEC. 17, 2009

On 3-6 December 2009, FSC Denmark showcased their "Home Green Home" project at the Copenhagen Climate Exchange in the run up to the UN COP-15. Covering 200 square foot, the house and garden is made entirely of FSC certified or eco-friendly products.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107056>

### **Luxury packaging follows fashion industry trend toward FSC certified paper**

DEC. 17, 2009

The US luxury packaging company PAK 2000 has pledged to release a new paper policy that will give preference to FSC certified and recycled products. The move follows a growing trend embraced by glamorous fashion companies including the Gucci Group, Tiffany's & Co.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107057>

### **B.C.'s old-growth forests being systematically destroyed: report**

THE VANCOUVER SUN | DEC. 17, 2009

The old-growth forests of Vancouver Island and the British Columbia coast are Canada's most valuable weapon in the battle against climate change, but they are being systematically destroyed, says a new report from Sierra Club B.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107058>

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## Events

### **Minnesota Forestry 101 (Online)**

JANUARY 20, 2010, ONLINE

This is the first in a series of free "webinars" offered by the Woodland Advisor program and UMN Extension Forestry team. Webinars will be held on the third Wednesday of each month from January through May 2010.

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=107059&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](mailto:info@wisconsinwetlands.org), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107013&categoryID=>.

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## Information

### **UW-Stevens Point: Assistant Professor of Energy Policy**

This is a joint appointment with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, College of Natural Resources (CNR) and the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service (CES) in the Community, Natural Resources, and Economic Development Program (CNRED). As a faculty member of the CNR this position will have responsibilities for Extension outreach education (25%) and for undergraduate teaching (75%). To learn more, visit <http://www.uwsp.edu/equity/positions/09-10/1059F26.aspx>.

### **Northern Minnesota Phenology Report: December 2009 now available at MyMinnesotaWoods.org**

>From the Web site: "This time of year we turn our attention to the critters that don't migrate or hibernate or if they do migrate they come here to spend the winter in balmy northern Minnesota." Read more at <http://www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/2009/12/northern-minnesota-phenology-report-december-2009/>.

### **Short video on enrolling in the MN SFIA tax program from MyMinnesotaWoods.org**

This short video gives a brief overview of the process for enrolling in the Sustainable Forests

Incentive Act program in Minnesota. Watch the video at <http://www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/2009/12/video-the-janes-family-woodland/>.

### **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/>.

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## **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](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/watershed/fwp_preview.shtm).

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