

## **Community Forestry Resource Center**

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#### **Weekly News and Event Summary**

February 2, 2010

Dear Readers,

Sorry for the slight delay in sending out this issue of the CFRC listserv. The next edition will be published on February 11.

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

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## News

### **Survey Shows Minnesotans Value Well Managed Forests**

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Polling results support public benefits of wildlife, clean air and water

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107162>

### **Global Warming: 'Cooling' Forests Can Heat Too**

SCIENCEDAILY

The simple formula we've learned in recent years -- forests remove the greenhouse gas CO2 from the atmosphere; therefore forests prevent global warming -- may not be quite as simple as we thought. Forests can directly absorb and retain heat, and, in at least one type of forest, these effects may be strong enough to cancel out a good part of the benefit in lowered CO2.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107161>

### **OSU study revises forest fire carbon estimate**

THE REGISTER-GUARD | FEB. 2, 2010

Pacific Northwest forest fires may play a minor role in climate change compared with fossil fuel use, according to a new analysis by Oregon State University researchers.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107164>

### **Oregon wildfires released far less greenhouse gas than previously estimated, researchers say**

THE OREGONIAN | FEB. 2, 2010

Some of the worst forest fires in Oregon's recent history consumed far fewer trees and released far less carbon dioxide than previously estimated, a new study by Oregon State University researchers concludes. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107165>

### **Chemicals in forest fire smoke studied**

UPI.COM

South African scientists say chemicals in smoke from forest fires may regulate seed germination and play a key role in the rebirth of burned landscape.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107166>

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## Events

### **Green Building & Green Product Webinar**

FEBRUARY 11, 2010, ONLINE WEBINAR

Event Examines Fundamentals of Chain-of-Custody Certification A series of webinars offered by the Forest Products Management Development Institute (FPMDI), Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering, and Dovetail Partners will address key aspects of green marketing and related trends.

For more information, contact Tom Schirber at 612-624-2767 or [schir056@umn.edu](mailto:schir056@umn.edu), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107168&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=>.

### **Seminar: Getting Help With Land Management**

FEBRUARY 20, 2010, SENECA, WI

A program on Saturday, February 20, 10:00 am at the County Highway shop south of Seneca, will familiarize landowners with the programs and organizations available to help them accomplish their objectives for natural areas on their properties.

For more information, contact Lila Marmel at 608-624-5269 or [sunmoon@mwt.net](mailto:sunmoon@mwt.net), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107167&categoryID=>.

### **Introduction to Prescribed Fire**

MARCH 25-26, 2010, BARABOO, WI

This two-day course will cover the ecology of fire, fire behavior principles, and the elements of fire management planning, all particularly focused on prairie and savanna ecosystems. Participants will operate basic fire management tools, view the layout and preparation of a fire unit, and, weather permitting, conduct several real burns.

For more information, contact Alanna Koshollek at 608-355-0279 ext. 30 or [alanna@aldoleopold.org](mailto:alanna@aldoleopold.org), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107169&categoryID=>.

### **Birding the Important Bird Area**

MAY 8, 2010, BARABOO, WI

Come experience the ornithological diversity of the Leopold–Pine Island Important Bird Area! Learn to identify birds by sound, and develop your understanding of bird/habitat relationships. We'll start with a short outdoor listening session early in the morning, then head to the classroom to learn bird identification by sight and sound, connect birds to specific habitat types, and discuss conservation and management for the habitats and/or the birds.

For more information, contact The Woodland School Alanna Koshollek at (608) 355-0279, x.30 or [alanna@aldoleopold.org](mailto:alanna@aldoleopold.org), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107170&categoryID=>

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## **Information**

### **Summer Internships with the Madison Audubon Society**

From the Faville Grove Sanctuary Web site: "As an intern in this supervised practical experience, you will spend the summer in the field where you will learn by doing a number of tasks in broad-scale landscape restoration and management, including work in prairie, savanna, woodland, and wetland habitats. The primary focus of activities is the control of invasive species, but some time will be spent on seed collecting and endangered species monitoring. The internship will give you the opportunity to become familiar with both native and alien plants and to learn about their life cycles and ecological requirements; to observe what natural conditions and processes have been altered in a landscape; and to gain an understanding of restoration and management goals and objectives. Interns work in small groups at sites within 30 miles of Madison. Two teams will be hired for the summer of 2010: one to work at Madison Audubon's Faville Grove Sanctuary east of Madison, and one to work at several sites north and west of Madison. Applicants will be considered for both teams unless otherwise requested."

For more information, visit

<http://madisonaudubon.org/audubon/sanctuaries/favillegrove/summer-internships.asp>.

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## **Publications**

### **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>.

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**Please support our work today!** If you have additional questions about supporting IATP, please contact Kate Hoff at 612-870-3404 or [khoff@iatp.org](mailto:khoff@iatp.org). Thank you!