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News

U.S. Clears a Test of Bioengineered Trees

NEW YORK TIMES

Federal regulators gave clearance Wednesday for a large and controversial field test of genetically engineered trees planned for seven states stretching from Florida to Texas.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107500>

Emerald Ash Borer Found in Bedford County; Quarantine Expanded (Penn.)

PR NEWSWIRE

Emerald Ash Borer beetles have been found near Graceville, Bedford, County, bringing to 12 the number of Pennsylvania counties where the ash tree-destroying pest has been identified,

Agriculture Secretary Russell C. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107501>

Logging Moratorium Is Extended

NEW YORK TIMES

The Obama administration on Friday extended for another year the moratorium on most logging and mining in millions of acres of remote sections of national forests.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107524>

Countries agree to spend big to save world's forests

GUARDIAN UK

Oslo conference attended by 52 nations produces first concrete sign of global action on climate change since Copenhagen <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107525>

Canadian loggers, green groups to protect forests

REUTERS

Most of Canada's largest forestry companies announced a groundbreaking deal with environmental groups on Tuesday that will restrict logging in the country's vast northern forests.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107526>

Report: forest cover declining across New England; group urges new woodlands protections

ASSOCIATED PRESS VIA WASHINGTON EXAMINER

After more than 150 years of natural regrowth, forest cover is declining across all six New England states, threatening the region's landscape and chipping away at a natural buffer against global warming, according to a study released Tuesday by Harvard University's laboratory for ecological research. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107527>

Urban trees 'help migrating birds'

BBC NEWS

Even a small urban forest can help migrating birds, a study has said.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107528>

Oregon creating its first new state forest since 1948

ASSOCIATED PRESS VIA THE REGISTER-GUARD

Oregon has a new state forest — 43,000 acres of young pine trees in central Oregon. The state purchased the land from Fidelity National Timber Resources Inc., of Whitefish, Mont., with \$15 million in lottery-backed bonds. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107529>

Events

Working Forests & Carbon Workshop and Field Tour

JUNE 9-10, 2010, PALISADE, MN

Mark your calendars for the Working Forests & Carbon event to be held June 9-10th, including a workshop at the Long Lake Conservation Center near Palisade, MN and a field tour the following day. The workshop will feature presentations by the Climate Action Reserve and the American Carbon Registry with details about carbon offset standards and forest project requirements.

For more information, contact Dovetail Partners, Inc. at 612-333-0430 or info@dovetailinc.org, or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107445&categoryID=>.

Forest Products Utilization and Marketing: Timber Markets

JULY 27, 2010, GRAND RAPIDS, MN

This one day workshop focuses on utilization and marketing of forest products as a tool to help accomplish forest management and provide revenue to landowners and land managers. The morning session will include updates on current resources and markets for traditional forest products, biomass, carbon credits and agro-forestry.

For more information, contact Lisa Breuer at 218-726-6403 or lmbreuer@umn.edu, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107530&categoryID=>.

Forest Management Guideline Training

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, CLOQUET, MN

This two-day training provides an introduction to Minnesota's Forest Management and Biomass Harvesting Guidelines. All new MLEP members, as well as those reapplying for MLEP membership, are required to attend this training.

For more information, contact the Minnesota Logger Education Program at (218) 722-5442 or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107314&categoryID=>.

Publications

A report by Dovetail Partners, Inc. *Urban Wood Utilization and Industrial Clusters: A Twin Cities Case Study*

>From the website: "Today there are about 4 billion urban trees in the U.S., with another 70 billion growing in metropolitan areas. As urban land in the U.S. expands, so do the urban forests. Urban land in the lower 48 states increased from 2.5% of total land area in 1990 to 3.1% in 2000, an area about the size of Vermont and New Hampshire combined. Researchers from the U.S. Forest Service project that urban land in the coterminous U.S. will nearly triple in size to over 8% by 2050, an area larger than the state of Montana."

Read the report here: <http://www.dovetailinc.org/reportsview/2010/sustainable-forestry/pdr-steve-bratkovichp/urban-wood-utilization-and-industrial-cl>.

My Healthy Woods Handbook for Minnesota

The Aldo Leopold Foundation has released a publication called *My Healthy Woods Handbook* for landowners in Minnesota. Learn more about the book by visiting the Aldo Leopold Foundation Web site <https://www.aldoleopold.org/Programs/myhealthywoodsMN.shtml>.

Information

Job Opening: Research Botanist (Arlington, Virginia)

>From the website: "The research botanist develops, reviews, and revises information relating to the conservation status of native plant species, primarily rare species, throughout the United States and Canada. Much of the work centers on compiling data on geographical distribution, abundance, threats, trends, habitat requirements, natural history, and management needs, followed by application of NatureServe criteria to synthesize this information into a standardized estimate of conservation status. The position requires extensive communication with state, federal, academic, and independent botanists, as well as searching and synthesis of published scientific literature. The position is project oriented, with some projects directed to meeting specific data needs of U.S. federal land-management agencies and other work, including data review and taxonomic reconciliation, supporting the information needs of state natural heritage programs/conservation data centers or other clients. The research botanist also provides botanical expertise for the development of NatureServe methodology and assists in using NatureServe botanical data to address conservation problems such as alterations in land use patterns and climate change. S/he often works on a tight schedule to meet deadlines, and helps write proposals and supervises interns."

To learn more, visit: <http://www.natureserve.org/aboutUs/jobs/researchBotanist.jsp>.

Minnesota Forest Management Guidelines to be Revised in 2010

Minnesota's Voluntary Site-Level Forest Management Guidelines are set to be revised in 2010. You can learn more about the process at this website:

http://www.frc.state.mn.us/initiatives_sitelevel_management_development.html.

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