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HEADLINES:

Gunflint: A blaze with benefits (MN)

It's the biggest fire to hit the Superior National Forest in about a century. It has torched miles of scenic birch, spruce and pine, turned the lush forest floor into a blanket of smoldering ash and consumed dozens of cabins and homes. Yet as devastating as the Gunflint Trail fire has been, it could be one of the best things to happen to the forest.

<http://www.startribune.com/462/story/1185919.html> OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=98641>

Agreement ensures public access on more than 1,600 acres (MN)

The Minnesota Forest Legacy Partnership, a public-private coalition formed to help keep the state's northwoods intact, announced that it has completed its first project by conserving more than 1,600 acres in Itasca County. Federal, state and private money totaling \$1.7 million has been used to purchase a working forest conservation easement that restricts development of the property.

http://www.grandrapids-mn.com/heraldreview/?sect_rank=1§ion_id=30&story_id=228280 OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=98642>

New law to improve forest health conditions (WA)

Of Washington's 21 million acres of forestland, nearly 2 million acres contain elevated levels of dead and dying trees, defoliation, or disease. Most of these unhealthy forests are in Eastern Washington. Many of last year's wildfires occurred in these forests, burning over 410,000 acres. The new forest health law updates outmoded laws and recognizes the severity of Washington's declining forest conditions.

http://www.state.wa.us/news/2007/May/n2007415_3248.aspx OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=98633>

Landowners could get paid for maintaining trees (GA)

Georgia's owners of forest land have long argued that they somehow should get credit for the public service their trees provide: Cleaning the air by absorbing carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas. Now the state of Georgia is helping create a market for this invisible commodity. Tree growers and farmers could receive payments for storing carbon.

<http://www.macon.com/198/story/42957.html> OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=98632>

State's top tree farmers discuss development (WA)

Washington state's tree farmers of the year don't live anywhere near an actual tree farm. Bob and Le Roy Burns, now in their 70s, grew up on the family farm along the

Washougal River, but they're avowed city dwellers today. The brothers consider themselves good tree farmers not because they live on the land, but because they don't. By living in town, the Burns brothers have made a commitment to ensure the tree farm remains viable as a large block of timber. In that respect, they're making their own stand against a tide of land conversions.

<http://www.columbian.com/news/localNews/05162007news140679.cfm> OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=98639>

Printers do their part to save trees (OH)

More businesses want to use environmentally friendly paper, and two Cleveland printers are among a growing number that have been certified by an international organization that sets standards for how trees should be harvested. The demand is coming from people who are conscious of the ravages of deforestation -- lost wildlife habitat, fouled streams, an increase in greenhouse gases -- and don't want to be part of the problem.

http://www.columbusdispatch.com/dispatch/content/business/stories/2007/05/14/green_paper.ART_ART_05-14-07_C7_1C6MKLI.html OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=98643>

Report urges change in China timber trade

In just 10 years China had moved from being a net importer of wood products to become the world's leading exporter of furniture, plywood and wood flooring, sucking in vast amounts of timber from key sensitive areas, the Tropical Forest Trust said.

<http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=717762007> OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=98574>

Warmth boosts a beetle ruining Sweden's spruce forests

Sweden is 60 percent covered by forests. In 2005, timber and paper products accounted for 12 percent of the country's exports. For many years, it has been an immensely profitable business, both for the forest owners and for the big paper and timber producers, and in recent decades more and more land, especially in southern Sweden, has been claimed by planted spruce. But now some see nature, in the shape of the 5-millimeter hairy bark beetle, changing direction, steered by climate change.

http://www.boston.com/news/world/europe/articles/2007/05/08/warmth_boosts_a_beetle_ruining_swedens_spruce_forests/ OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=98637>

EVENTS

Revisiting the Marsh: The Legacy of Paul Errington
May 21, 2007, Baraboo, WI

This event is part of the Aldo Leopold Foundation's Shack Seminar Series. Paul Errington was a population ecologist who made major scientific contributions concerning the role of predation in wildlife populations and in the topic of population cycling. Join us as we examine Errington's important but overlooked contributions to science and to conservation.

Contact Aldo Leopold Foundation at 608-355-0279, ext. 27 or 28 or see
<http://www.aldoleopold.org>

Tree & Shrub Identification
May 30, 2007, Duluth, MN

In order to care for your woodland in the best way possible, plant identification skills are key. We will focus on learning to use a few tools to identify trees and shrubs, from the common to the rare. Interactions and dependencies between common northern Minnesota species will also be discussed.

Contact Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center at 218-721-3731 or
boulder@d.umn.edu or see <http://cfc.cfans.umn.edu/wa/Support/wasess.htm>

Insects, Disease, and How Trees Grow
May 31, 2007, Winona, MN or June 28, 2007, Preston, MN

This class covers tree growth and some factors that can alter tree growth, for better and for worse. You'll learn the basic parts of a tree and how they fit together. You'll know more about how, when, and why to prune your trees the right way. We'll also discuss insect and disease ecology and how some important pests are likely to affect your trees. At the end of this session, you'll know how trees grow, how to help them grow well, and how to protect your forest from insect threats.

Contact Angela Gupta at 888-241-4536 or agupta@umn.edu or see <http://cfc.cfans.umn.edu/wa/Support/wasess.htm>

Living Forest Cooperative Open House
June 9, 2007, Ashland, WI

At LFC's open house, meet the LFC staff and board members and learn more about the forestry services offered by LFC. Pick up a copy of LFC's new booklet. There will also be a presentation on sustainable forest management in the Lake Superior Clay Plain by DNR Forester Kristin Shy.

Contact LFC at 715-682-0007 or info@livingforestcoop.com

Coastal Silviculture Committee Summer Workshop
June 21-22, 2007, Courtenay, BC

The 2007 Coastal Silviculture Summer Workshop Committee invites you to join us for two days in the field reviewing older plantations and research sites. We will look at past silviculture treatments, the results, and hope to generate lively discussion on what tomorrow's forests should look like and what silviculture treatments to apply to achieve those results.

Contact Jennifer Merner at 250-740-6536 or mernerj@mala.bc.ca or see <http://www.mala.ca/nrep/forestry/cscsum2007.asp>

Family Forest Owners Field Day
June 23, 2007, Cle Elum, WA

Learn "how to" assess the health of your forest and protect your property from threats like wildfire and bark beetles—and much more. Choose from nearly two dozen popular topics, including wildlife habitat enhancement, pruning and thinning, reforestation tough sites, wildfire protection, and managing your timber sale. Join the more than 5,000 forest owners who've already attended these events across Washington and Idaho.

Contact Andy Perleberg at 509-667-6658 or andyp@wsu.edu or see http://ext.nrs.wsu.edu/newsevents/documents/Forest_Owners_Field_Day_CleElum%2007.pdf

30th Annual Kiln Drying Short Course
April 13 – 16, 2007, St. Paul, MN

The course is designed to provide basic training for dry kiln operators and supervisors, but anyone desiring to learn about kiln construction, kiln operation and wood-moisture relations is welcome and encouraged to attend. Conventional kiln drying of hardwood lumber will be emphasized; however, dehumidification drying, solar drying and air-drying will also be covered. No previous drying experience or training is necessary.

Contact Harlan Peterson at 612-624-3407 or harlan@umn.edu or see <http://www.bbe.umn.edu/extens/shortcourses/kdsc.html>

INFORMATION

Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week: May 20–26, 2007

Emerald ash borer is a very destructive insect pest of ash trees. The larvae tunnel under the bark, girdling the trunk and branches, interrupting the flow of water and nutrients. This injury first causes branch dieback in the upper crown before eventually killing the tree. Emerald ash borer infested trees die fairly quickly; most trees are killed in three years. All species are attacked, including green, black, and white ash.

Read more about EAB at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/projects/yardandgarden/YGLNews/YGLNews.html#emeraldashborer> OR <http://emeraldashborer.info/>

Web Site: Climate Change Research and Development

This web site of the USDA Forest Service's features the agency's focus on questions about climate change impacts, such as the adaptation actions needed to increase resilience of forests and ranges to the effects of climate change; the potential of forests to mitigate atmospheric greenhouse gas concentration changes by storing additional carbon in living vegetation and forest products; and reducing fossil carbon use by increasing production of biofuels and substituting forest products for more greenhouse gas-intensive materials.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/research/fsgc/climate-change.shtml>

PUBLICATIONS

Forestry Cooperatives: What Today's Resource Professionals Need to Know

This report summarizes much of the information presented during the conference, "Forestry Cooperatives: What Today's Resource Professionals Need to Know," on November 18, 2003. The conference was designed to help natural resource professionals and cooperative development specialists gain a better understanding of cooperatives and a deeper insight into some of their successes and challenges.

http://ncrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/gtr/gtr_nc266.pdf OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refid=98634>

A Brighter Shade of Green

This report by ForestEthics sets an initial framework for developing a truly sustainable forestry sector in Canada. It explains why the nation must set aside large tracts of ecologically important forests, significantly reduce the amount of logging, and change current logging practices.

<http://www.forestethics.org/downloads/FEreport-screen-1.pdf> OR
<http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refid=98575>

Balancing Ecology and Economics: A Start-up Guide for Forest Owner Cooperation

This is the second edition of a guide is intended to show how private landowners, working together, can improve the ecological conditions of their lands while improving their own economic well-being and that of the communities in which their forest land is located. It provides essential information on all aspects of establishing a forest owner cooperative, including: forest management, marketing, business planning, co-op governance, cooperative structures, non-timber forest products, sustainable certification, developing member education programs, and more.

The guide is available online at <http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?RefID=77942>
For more information about sustainable forestry cooperatives or to order a hard copy of the manual, visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org>

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