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Forest industry seeks to boost productivity (MN)

Times are tough for businesses that depend on Minnesota trees. More than 100 forest managers, researchers, policymakers, foresters, forest owners, industry officials and others will meet in Duluth this week to see whether there are new ways to increase forest productivity — to grow and cut more trees on the same amount of land.

http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/articles/index.cfm?id=38596&section=News OR
http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=97878
FSC certification and the small landowner

FSC-US recently took the opportunity to pose a number of questions to Mark Adams, the founder of the Cook County Sustainable Forestry Cooperative. Mark has been a leader in working with Co-op members and other family forest owners in northern Minnesota to get their land certified under the FSC system.


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State taxes cause for concern in timber industry (WV)

Wood products industries around the world know about the trees that grow in West Virginia. Appalachian hardwoods that grow here have a reputation for quality that is unsurpassed. But harvesting those trees costs significantly more than it does in surrounding states, said Dick Waybright, executive director of the West Virginia Forestry Association. One of the primary concerns is the state's severance tax, which is based on gross receipts rather than profits.


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Pulling power from wood (CT)

Fuel cells, windmills and solar panels are usually considered the way of the future for meeting the ever-growing demand for electricity. Burning wood, on the other hand, seems downright old-fashioned. But that ancient source of energy is getting renewed attention in Connecticut and other New England states as they try to look for renewable sources of power to replace fossil fuels - coal, oil and natural gas.


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Green awakening taking place in paper industry
Even with e-mail, we are still a predominantly paper society. America uses 100 million tons of paper each year, consuming one fourth of all the trees cut down in this country. But there is an awakening within the paper industry, which means you have another opportunity to make a difference by Going Green.

http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=97844

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Research findings shed light on new urban pest of pine trees (CA)

Like a celebrity with homes in New York and Los Angeles, the redhaired pine bark beetle is a cosmopolitan pest. The pest, however, has few fans because it may carry blackstain root disease or other pathogens that can be devastating to pines in our urban parks, golf courses and landscapes. Entomologists have found some answers about the beetle's biology, host range, and potential impact in California.

http://www.enn.com/net.html?id=1872 OR
http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=97876

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Positive results seen in participatory forest management (Ethiopia)

Speaking at the opening of the three-day international conference on Participatory Forest management (PFM) yesterday, President Girma W. Giorgis said participatory forest management—which he said involves controlled and organized community management systems has offered good opportunity in maintaining the environment, as seen in Ethiopia and elsewhere in Africa.

http://allafrica.com/stories/200703200308.html OR
http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=97871

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One forest at a time (China)

With logging mostly to blame for the loss of more than 75 percent of its forests, China needs all the trees it can get. As early as this summer, tree planting may begin as part of the world’s first small-scale forestry project to meet strict Kyoto Protocol requirements for curbing climate change.

http://www.forestrycenter.org/headlines.cfm?refid=97877
EVENTS

Stewardship Planning
April 11 or April 25, 2007, Grand Rapids, MN

Learn how to implement your Woodland Stewardship Plan and tools you can use to manage your land. Hear first hand from other landowners on how they put their forest to work. This is a great opportunity to ask professionals on best practices and management strategies to keep your forest growing for the next generation. Cost is $5.

Contact Julie Miedtke at 218-327-7486 or miedt001@umn.edu or see http://cfc.cfans.umn.edu/wa/Support/PDF/07_KeithsStewPlanSeries.pdf

2nd National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration
April 22-27, 2007, Kansas City, MO

The conference will provide many opportunities to learn about ecosystem restoration efforts throughout the country and to learn about ecosystem restoration programs. The conference provides an interdisciplinary setting to experience state-of-the art science and engineering planning and policy in a partnership environment and to formulate goals and approaches to ecosystem restoration.

Contact Beth Miller-Tipton at 352-392-5930 or bmt@ufl.edu or see http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/NCER2007/

WARNING: Warming - Understanding Climate Change in Wisconsin
April 24, 2007, Monona, WI; OR May 23, 2007, Baraboo, WI

The Woodland School is proud to sponsor these FREE sessions on understanding climate change. Changes are happening in the natural world that have been triggered by increased levels of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere. Jeannine Richards, trained as a presenter on global warming by Al Gore and The Climate Project, offers a slideshow and discussion on understanding what global warming means for Wisconsin and the globe. Learn the simple steps you can take to be a part of the solution!

Contact Jeannine Richards at 608-355-0279 or jeannine@aldoleopold.org or see http://www.thewoodlandschool.org/courses.htm

Minnesota Forestry Association Annual Meeting
April 27-28, 2007, Brainerd, MN

Events will include: Woodland Advisor participant lunch and program; a tour of the Northland Arboretum; horse logging demonstration; MFA’s annual membership meeting; forestry classes, exhibits and demonstrations; social time; and more.

Contact MFA at (800) 821-TREE or information@mnforest.com or see http://www.mnforest.com/

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Out of the Woods: Developing a Garlic Mustard Control Strategy
May 5, 2007, Hancock, WI

This workshop will help forest landowners and managers learn how to create a plan to control invasive garlic mustard in our woodlands. Garlic mustard changes the composition and structure of our natural communities. It can displace native plants through competition and even changes the chemical composition of the soil, inhibiting new trees from growing. The workshop will focus on management strategies and control options. Participants will learn to prioritize their eradication efforts and will get hands-on experience in chemical and mechanical control and monitoring methods.

Contact Jeannine Richards at (608) 355-0279 or jeannine@aldoleopold.org or see http://www.thewoodlandschool.org/courses.htm

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Mapping Wisconsin Communities: Introduction to GIS & Community Analysis
May 9 or 10, 2007, Madison, WI and May 10 or 11, 2007, Milwaukee, WI

This course is aimed at beginners and anyone interested in mapping their community. Participants will learn to use ArcGIS 9.2 to do the following: create thematic maps; address mapping (geocoding); and download and map Census & American Community Survey data. Mapping techniques transferable to all other communities.

See http://www.urban-research.info/wisconsin-gis.htm

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Conducting a Successful Timber Harvest
May 19, 2007, Baraboo, WI

Woodland owners will work with professional foresters to learn how to plan and execute a successful timber harvest on their property. The classroom session will focus on planning needs, tree selection, the role of silviculture, and marketing and contracting for best results. We will cover the role of different logging equipment and logging operators
in accomplishing a successful timber harvest. The field portion of the class will take participants to several field sites to view harvests before and after. Continued forest management options such as Timber Stand Improvement and reforestation will also be discussed.

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INFORMATION

Web Site: My Minnesota Woods

The University of Minnesota Extension Service has created this new site to help private woodland owners make sound, well informed woodland stewardship decisions. The purpose of the site is to help woodland owners learn how their forests work, how sustainable forest management works, and how they can achieve their forest stewardship goals with confidence and trust in the professionals with whom they work.

Online at: http://www.myminnesotawoods.org/

Web Site: Guide to Rural Living

The Guide to Rural Living is a publication that contains a wealth of information on rural living, natural resource management, and small acreage farming. It was developed for property owners in East Central Minnesota, but is applicable to many areas.

View the guide online or order a CD at: http://www.extension.umn.edu/ruralliving/

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PUBLICATIONS

Sustainable forests: Are we there yet?

Over the past 15 years significant strides have been made at both ends of the wood products channel: in the forest with certified forestry improving forest management practices, and in the marketplace with a growing number of well-defined green purchasing guidelines and certification programs. There is no question these developments have made a difference in both the forests and in the stores. So, a relevant question is, are we there yet? Have we achieved sufficient progress to make the concept of sustainability, sustainable?

Run Forest Run

Currently illegal logging is receiving considerable media attention. Likewise, a recent international meeting was convened to address two overarching questions: What is illegal logging and how can it be stopped? This paper examines these questions and more.


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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