

Community Forestry Resource Center

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Weekly News and Event Summary

April 30, 2009

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

IATP Special Event: Minnesota Global--Resonating Change: Connecting Communities Through Fair Trade

Monday, May 4, 2009

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
2104 Stevens Avenue South, Minneapolis

The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy and the Resource Center of the Americas invite you to join us for an important conversation about fair trade, its history of success and its model for a new sustainable economy. Learn firsthand about how fair trade has positively affected the lives of artisans in Peru. Refreshments will be served.

Speakers:

- Mark Ritchie, IATP Founder, Minnesota Secretary of State
- Lee Wallace, CEO, Peace Coffee
- Yochanan Zakai, Green America
- Carrie Hawthorne, Partners for Just Trade
- Evangelina Pizarro and Ayde Riveros, Peruvian artisans

Please RSVP by May 1 to Anne Walters at awalters@iatp.org or 612-870-3408.

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Support IATP and make a difference in the world today!

IATP works hard to keep farmers on their land, to ensure the safety of our food supply and to preserve biodiversity and the environment for future generations. We cannot do this work without you. Please join us in our work of advocating for fair and sustainable food, farm and trade systems. Your support is greatly appreciated!

If you have additional questions about supporting IATP, please contact Kate Hoff at 612-870-3404 or khoff@iatp.org or Anne Walters at 612-870-3408 or awalters@iatp.org. Thank you!

News

FSC and Fairtrade launch dual certification pilot project

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FSC and Fairtrade have launched a pilot project to differentiate community produced forest products in the marketplace in order to bring more benefits to smallholders. The project partners gave the dual certification project its official start by hiring Chris Cox as Project Manager in April 2009. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105900>

Indigenous forest management offers lessons in fighting global warming

APRIL 30, 2009

A new book written by members of indigenous communities across Indonesia argues that traditional forest management practices can provide important lessons in the effort to slow climate change. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105901>

Rainforest clash in Panama signals larger debate

CNN NEWS | APRIL 30, 2009

Hunched over a campfire in eastern Panama, Embera tribesman Raul Mezua chanted a song his grandfather taught him when he was a boy.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105902>

Fire an Integral, But Overlooked, Global Warming Factor

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Intentional fires set for land clearing contribute up to one-fifth of the human-caused increase in emissions of carbon dioxide, so fire must be accounted for as an integral part of climate change, conclude 22 authors of an article published in the April 24 issue of the journal "Science.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105904>

Hurricanes reduce ability of forests to store carbon

NEW SCIENTIST | APRIL 30, 2009

Destruction wreaked by hurricanes over the past 150 years has severely affected the ability of US forests to store carbon, say ecologists. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105905>

Events

Finding Airphotos & Mapping Your Land

May 12, 2009, St. Paul, MN

You'll learn where to find quality airphotos of any Minnesota wooded property. You'll also learn how to use free web-based mapping applications to build custom maps of your property's trails, boundaries, and other features.

For more information, contact Eli Sagor at 612-624-6948 or esagor@umn.edu, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105907&categoryID=>

Finding Airphotos & Mapping Your Land

May 14, 2009, Cloquet, MN

We'll show you where to find quality airphotos of your (or any other) Minnesota wooded property. You'll also learn how to use free web-based mapping applications to build custom maps of your property's trails, boundaries, and other features.

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IPAW Annual Meeting

May 30, 2009, Madison, WI

The annual meeting of the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin will provide educational, social and entertainment opportunities. IPAW members and others are invited to participate. We are synchronizing our meeting with a 2-day workshop that will train more than 100 people on documenting and monitoring the location of invasive plants in Wisconsin with high tech tools.

For more information, contact the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105906&categoryID=>

Wetland Connections Conference

JUNE 21-26, 2009, MADISON, WI

Wetland Connections is a deliberately broad and inclusive theme for the 2009 conference. Although wetlands cover only 5% of the earth's surface, they maintain essential links between land and water — in inland lakes and streams, arctic muskeg, and where the inland waters meet the ocean in estuaries, salt marshes, and mangroves.

For more information, visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105535&categoryID=>

Information

Information on Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine in Houston County, MN

On April 22, 2009, Minnesota established a quarantine area for emerald ash borer (EAB) which included all of Houston County. EAB has not been detected in Houston County, but Minnesota has established it as a quarantine area due to its physical proximity to a known EAB infestation in Vernon County, WI.

For more information on the EAB quarantine area in Minnesota, visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refid=105911>.

Publications

Property Tax Relief for Forest Landowners

MEL BAUGHMAN | FEB. 26, 2009

An excellent document written by Mel Baughman for the Minnesota Forestry Association about SFIA and 2c. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105337>

2010 National Report on Sustainable Forests

USDA FOREST SERVICE | JAN. 29, 2009

The Draft National Report on Sustainable Forests--2010 describes the state of forests in the United States of America and the indicators of national progress toward the goal of sustainable forest management.

Read the report at <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105063>.

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