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News

Dovetail Partners Examines Selection of Green Flooring Materials

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A new report from Dovetail Partners, a Minneapolis-based non-profit, examines available life cycle assessment (LCA) data for alternative flooring products. The findings provide a useful guide for selecting green flooring materials.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106758>

Biomass plant plan triggers questions (Wis.)

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL | SEP. 17, 2009

Papermakers concerned about price of wood

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106759>

Wood recyclers go whole hog into biomass (Ore.)

THE OUTLOOK ONLINE | SEP. 17, 2009

Firm uses chips to combat downturn in wood products industry

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106761>

Op-Ed: The real cost of wildfires (Ore.)

THE OREGONIAN | SEP. 17, 2009

The tab for U.S. wildfires as commonly reported by the news media is only a fraction of the full costs experienced by the public. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106762>

As climate shifts, birds follow (Calif.)

SCIENCENEWS | SEP. 17, 2009

Most bird species in California's Sierra Nevadas have altered their ranges during the last century in response to changes in temperature and rainfall

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106763>

Social causes of deforestation in the Amazon rainforest

SEP. 17, 2009

Understanding the web of social groups involved in deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon is key to containing forest loss, argues a leading Amazon researcher writing in the journal Ecology and Society. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106760>

Sustainable, but Too Small? (Canada)

THE TYEE | SEP. 17, 2009

Demand for eco-certified wood is growing worldwide. Small-scale foresters want in, but need to be creative. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106765>

Events

Can our forests adapt to invasive pests?

SEPTEMBER 21, 2009, BEMIDJI, MN

Carrie Pike will discuss successes and failures of programs attempting to breed for resistance to a variety of invasive insects and diseases. She will also cover factors that influence resistance and invasiveness in ecosystems.

For more information, visit

[http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106728&categoryID=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106728&categoryID=)

Webinar: The sweet side of maple - is syrup production an option for your woodland?

SEPTEMBER 23, 2009, WEBINAR

The event time listed on this Web site is in CENTRAL TIME

This presentation will address the advantages and disadvantages of utilizing private woodlands for the production of maple syrup. Woodland owners will learn about their opportunities and trade-offs for either leasing their trees or direct production of syrup.

For more information, visit

[http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106767&categoryID=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106767&categoryID=)

Managing Interface Forests (Module 2) Webinar

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, WEBINAR

Presented by Bruce Hall, Ph.D. Professor, College of Natural Resources, Virginia Tech

Times listed on this Web site are in CENTRAL TIME

This webinar will introduce management practices desired by owners of forests located in the wildland-urban interface.

For more information, visit

[http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106766&categoryID=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106766&categoryID=)

Chainsaw Safety Classes

OCTOBER 7-8 2009, LA FARGE, WI

The Kickapoo Woods Cooperative (KWC) and Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) are offering Chainsaw Safety Level I and Level II on October 7 and 8 at the KVR near La Farge. The KWC regularly offers level 1 chainsaw safety training twice a year, usually in October and April, and you must have taken that class to be eligible to take the more advanced level two training.

For more information, contact Lila Marmel at 608-624-5269 or sunmoon@mwt.net or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106750&categoryID=>.

Timber Stand Improvement

OCTOBER 10, 2009, BARABOO WI

Understanding management practices can help you to guide the future of your forest. This class will give forest landowners an opportunity to understand an important forest management practice, timber stand improvement (TSI).

For more information, contact Alanna Koshollek at 608-355-0279, ext. 30 or alanna@aldoleopold.org, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106639&categoryID=>

Game of Logging: Level I

OCTOBER 11, 2009, BARABOO, WI

Mastering the basics of chainsaw safety is essential for woodland owners who want to be more active on their land, from making firewood to timber stand improvement. The “Game of Logging” is a four-level series designed to increase safety and efficiency of chainsaw use.

For more information, contact Alanna Koshollek at 608-355-0279, ext. 30 or alanna@aldoleopold.org, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106640&categoryID=>

RESTORING THE WEST CONFERENCE 2009

OCTOBER 27-28, 2009, LOGAN, UT

Peaks to Valleys: Innovative Land Management for the Great Basin The theme of this year's Restoring the West Conference is sustainability of Great Basin landscapes from peaks to valleys, with an emphasis on forest, sagebrush steppe, and riparian ecosystems.

For more information, contact Kendra McKenna at kendra.mckenna@usu.edu or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106693&categoryID=>.

Mapping Wisconsin Communities Workshop: An Introduction to GIS & Community Analysis

NOVEMBER 5, 2009, MADISON, WI

Participants will learn to use ArcGIS 9.3.1 to do the following: Create Thematic Maps Participants will learn to create thematic maps of their own data, and display spatial trends in information. Address Mapping (Geocoding) Participants will learn to map addresses of their clients, their projects, or incidents such as crime and disease.

For more information, visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106764&categoryID=>.

64th NCWSS Annual Meeting Information Center

DECEMBER 7-10, 2009, KANSAS CITY, MO

The North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) would like to invite you to their Annual Meetings to be held from Dec. 7-10th in Kansas City, MO. The program chair, Chris Boerboom, the programming committees of NCWSS, and the local arrangement committee are working hard to produce a quality program.

For more information contact the North Central Weed Science Society at (217) 352-4212 or visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106692&categoryID=>.

Information

EMERALD ASH BORER CONFIRMED IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY ~ Seven Wisconsin Counties Now Known to be Infested

The purple box sticky traps that Wisconsin Department of Ag has hanging in ash trees along Wisconsin's roadsides and alert agency staff have been confirming the presence of the destructive beetle in more places. See <http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov/> for more details on the emerald ash borer, articles on the latest findings and for a list of counties with a wood quarantine.

Report sightings of japanese knotweed

The Door County Invasive Species Team is building a GIS map layer of known locations and need your help. Japanese knotweed (jk) is tall and blooming now, very easy to spot from a distance. Please report sightings to the DCIST website. Click on 'Report an Invasive' (<http://map.co.door.wi.us/swcd/invasive/InvasiveForm.htm>). Visit the DCIST website for photos and info on jk.

Publications

Conservation Buffers: Design Guidelines for Buffers, Corridors, and Greenways

USDA NATIONAL AGROFORESTRY CENTER

The Conservation Buffers website offers resources for planning and designing buffers in rural and urban landscapes. The primary resource is Conservation Buffers: Design Guidelines for Buffers, Corridors, and Greenways which provides over 80 illustrated design guidelines synthesized and developed from a review of over 1400 research publications. Learn more at:

<http://www.unl.edu/nac/bufferguidelines/>.

Forests, Water and People Analysis

USDA FOREST SERVICE

The Forests, Water and People analysis uses maps produced in a geographic information system (GIS) to highlight the connection between forests and the protection of surface drinking water quality. This connection of "forest to faucet" is of vital importance to people in the Northeast and Midwest. Forests are the crucial first barrier to protection of drinking water, and managing forests for source water protection is becoming more important as the population and water demand increase. Approximately 50 to 75 percent of the region's population relies on surface water as their municipal drinking water source – more than 52 million people receive clean drinking water from nearly 1,600 community water systems. These water supplies are protected largely by private forest lands. This analysis identifies these water supplies and the forests that protect them. Learn more at: http://www.na.fs.fed.us/watershed/fwp_preview.shtm.

Two Forests Under the Big Sky: Tribal v. Federal Management

PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH CENTER

In this policy series, Alison Berry continues her work on the quality of forests that result under different management schemes. She contrasts side-by-side forests in Montana. One is operated by the United States Forest Service under the watchful eye of Congress. The other is run by Indian tribes on reservation lands. Learn more at: <http://www.perc.org/articles/article1174.php>.

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