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News

New videos can help landowners rid woods of common invasive plants (Wis.)

OCT. 22, 2009

Three new online videos can help landowners save the oaks on their property while helping rid their woods of some of Wisconsin's most common and problematic invasive plants.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106900>

DNR: Minnesota forests can sustain 5.5 million cords cut

OCT. 22, 2009

Minnesota's forests can sustain logging 5.5 million cords of wood each year, about double the current level, according to an analysis for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources released Monday. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106897>

Space agencies, Google seek ways to save forests

REUTERS | OCT. 22, 2009

Space agencies and Google Inc are helping an international project to monitor forests by satellite to fight global warming, the head of an international earth observation group said on Tuesday.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106893>

Invasion of the Longhorn Beetles

SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE | OCT. 22, 2009

In Worcester, Massachusetts, authorities are battling an invasive insect that is poised to devastate the forests of New England <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106894>

Community-based biomass power in Montana

OCT. 22, 2009

NorthWestern Energy and the Montana Community Development Corporation (MCDC) are partnering with eight Montana sawmills and public and private landowners to help develop community-based biomass power <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106895>

World Forestry Congress Addresses Forests and Energy

OCT. 22, 2009

20 October 2009: A special forum on Forests and Energy convened today as part of the XIII World Forestry Congress, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The event consisted of three panels, addressing the current status and trends of technology for wood energy production and use, the social and environmental impacts of bioenergy production, and bioenergy policy and measures to plot a course for sustainable outcomes. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106896>

Scientists race to prevent ash tree's extinction

GOOGLE AP | OCT. 22, 2009

Mark Widrlechner is out to save a species from extinction. It's the native ash tree, and although it provides \$25 billion worth of timber and decorates backyards across North America, an unstoppable bug has slowly killed millions of trees in 13 states and could cause the species' ultimate demise — unless Widrlechner is successful.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106898>

Global warming could boost Northwest's forest growth -- except in most-logged areas

THE OREGONIAN | OCT. 22, 2009

Global warming could increase overall productivity in the Pacific Northwest's forests during the next century, a study concludes, but growth could decrease in the lower elevation forests that have accounted for more than four-fifths of the region's timber harvest in recent years.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106899>

Argentina, Paraguay, Brazil team up to protect Atlantic Forest, halt deforestation

AP VIA STAR TRIBUNE | OCT. 22, 2009

Three South American nations announced a joint plan Tuesday to establish protected zones in the vast Atlantic Forest as part of an effort to halt deforestation by 2020.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106901>

Events

Tour of Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve

OCTOBER 23, 2009, BETHEL, MN

Please join us for this very unique opportunity to visit the UMN Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve for the latest research affecting Minnesota's natural resources. Presentation on how climate change may affect MN.

For more information, please contact Barb Spears at 651-328-0463 or bjspears@q.com, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106789&categoryID=>.

Community Emerald Ash Borer Preparation (Morris)

OCTOBER 28, 2009, MORRIS, MN

This class is part of the series: 2009 Minnesota Tree Inspector Fall Recertification Workshops.

For more information contact Rebecca Koetter at 612-624-4261 or band0036@umn.edu or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106867&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=>.

Forestry Tool Field Day

OCTOBER 31, 2009, VIROQUA, WI

Demonstrations of directional felling, pulling logs out of the woods with a cable winch, chainsaw sharpening and the use of other forestry tools will highlight the day along with guided hikes through an area scheduled and marked for a timber harvest this winter.

For more information, contact Lila Marmel at 608-624-5269 or sunmoon@mwt.net, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106827&categoryID=>.

Minnesota's Woodlands and Climate Change (St. Cloud)

NOVEMBER 2, 2009, ST. CLOUD, MN

This is a one-hour free presentation by Eli Sagor of the University of Minnesota Extension. The presentation is designed to put current climate change predictions in the context of historical changes, discuss likely impacts on Minnesota woodlands, and discuss strategies to best prepare your woods to keep them healthy and productive.

For more information contact Stearns County Extension Office at (320) 255-6169 or 800-450-6171 or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106868&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=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106764&categoryID=)

Natural Communities of Southwest Wisconsin

NOVEMBER 14, 2009, BARABOO, WI

Whether your property is a 10-acre lot or a large farm, if it lies in southwestern Wisconsin, you could have several natural communities on your property. The complex nature of the woods, prairie and savanna on your land can change in a matter of a few hundred feet.

For more information, contact Alanna Koshollek at (608) 355-0279, x.30 or

alanna@aldoleopold.org, or visit

[http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106902&categoryID=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106902&categoryID=)

Webinar: Deer and forests: impacts, assessment, control and recovery

NOVEMBER 18, 2009, WEBINAR

Presented by Susan Stout and Alex Royo, US Forest Service Northern Research Station. Deer have a documented impact on the regeneration of trees and herbs, and interact with other forest processes. The USDA Northern Forest Research Station has decades of research experience on deer impacts and recovery.

For more information visit

[http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106866&categoryID=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106866&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=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106692&categoryID=)

Fire Behavior

DECEMBER 12, 2009, BARABOO, WI

This course will discuss the effects of fuels, weather and topography on fire behavior. It will give students tools to determine what type of fire weather and fire behavior to look for so that they can meet their prescribed burn objectives.

For more information, contact Alanna Koshollek at (608) 355-0279, x.30 or

alanna@aldoleopold.org, or visit

[http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106903&categoryID=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106903&categoryID=)

Information

New tool for finding information on biodiversity in New York State

The Department of Environmental Conservation of New York recently launched a tool that aids landowners, foresters and others find out information on biodiversity throughout the state of New York. Take a look by visiting the Web site: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/57844.html>.

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

New CFRC Newsletter Available Now!

The new edition of the Community Forestry Connections newsletter is now available on the forestrycenter.org Web site as a PDF file for download. In the fall 2009 issue you can get recent updates on the work that the Community Forestry Resource Center has been supporting, including: a habitat restoration and bioenergy program, a bird-friendly forestry project, Emerald Ash Borer in Minnesota and Wisconsin, the Wisconsin BMP's for invasive species and an update on the CFRC forest certification program. Download the newsletter at <http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=106828>.

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.

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