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News

Spread of ash borer still pestering officials (WIs.)

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL | OCT. 29, 2009

Seven years after the discovery of the emerald ash borer in the United States, officials face bleak prospects for trying to control its spread.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106925>

Wasps used to monitor emerald ash borer

OCT. 29, 2009

The U.S. state of Maine has developed an early-warning system to spot infestations of the emerald ash borer beetle, scientists say. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106928>

Obama administration inches away from 'time out' for roadless forest logging

THE OREGONIAN | OCT. 29, 2009

Environmental groups in May hailed the Obama administration's decision to effectively pause development in about 58 million acres of road-free federal forests.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106929>

Biofuels: The Good, the Bad

OCT. 29, 2009

More and more we're seeing that the source for biofuels is critical in determining whether it produces energy with more or less carbon emissions than conventional energy.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106918>

Using Trees To Curb Climate Change Not So Simple

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO | OCT. 29, 2009

Forests are fast becoming a great green hope for slowing climate change.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106922>

Study: Accounting error undermines climate change laws

OCT. 29, 2009

An important but fixable error in legal accounting rules used to measure compliance with carbon limits for bioenergy could undermine efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging deforestation, according to a new study by 13 prominent scientists and land use experts published in the Oct. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106923>

Biofuels Can Be Climate Friends or Climate Enemies, UNEP Reports

OCT. 29, 2009

Burning some biofuels can reduce global greenhouse gas emissions, but not all biofuel use leads to cuts in greenhouse gases, finds the first report of a new panel hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106924>

MESSAGE FROM THE XIII WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS TO THE COP 15 OF THE UNFCCC

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The 13th World Forestry Congress, convened in Argentina in October 2009, notes with concern the impacts of climate change on forests and strongly emphasizes the important role forests play in climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as the need for forest-dependent people and forest ecosystems to adapt to this challenge.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106926>

Argentina, Paraguay make historic forest pledge

OCT. 29, 2009

Argentina and Paraguay on Tuesday made a historic pledge to save one of the world's most threatened forests. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106927>

Events

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=.](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=>.

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=>.

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=>.

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=>.

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=>.

Information

Nontimber Forest Products Curriculum Workbook Now Available

The Institute for Culture and Ecology (IFCAE) has conducted several regional and national studies documenting the important role of nontimber forest products in the United States. Universities and extension programs are increasingly looking for ways to include information about NTFPs in curricula. To address this demand IFCAE developed the 451 page Nontimber Forest Product Curriculum Workbook containing over 100 lesson plans, handouts, and homework assignments. Also included are PowerPoint files that can be used as is or modified by the instructor as needed. Review the materials at <http://www.ifcae.org/projects/ncssf2/index.html>.

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>.

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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