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News

Human health linked directly to forest health

WWF

Environmental degradation is causing serious detrimental health impacts for humans, but protecting natural habitats can reverse this and supply positive health benefits, according to a new WWF report. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107305>

Tracking Climate Change, Mapping Wildlife Habitat

OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE

In the southern Appalachians, the Open Space Institute is gathering information that could help land trusts and government agencies launch increasingly targeted and effective wildlife habitat protection efforts across a region that is rich in biodiversity.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107306>

CSU professor cautions against logging beetle-killed trees

THE COLORADOAN

A new report co-authored by a CSU professor calls for the U.S. Forest Service to keep its saw blades away from bark beetle-killed trees in national forest roadless areas while focusing instead on removing trees that pose a direct hazard to humans.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107307>

Fire Can Be Good For Global Warming

NPR

Scientists have calculated that it actually makes sense to start intentional fires to keep down debris and undergrowth. Even though these prescribed fires do put carbon into the atmosphere, the scientists calculate it's less than what would go up in big wildfires.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107308>

Forest loss slows, as China plants and Brazil preserves

BBC

The world's net rate of forest loss has slowed markedly in the last decade, with less logging in the Amazon and China planting trees on a grand scale.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107311>

UN global survey: gobbled up by farms and bugs, forests still disappearing, but not that fast

ASSOCIATED PRESS VIA STAR TRIBUNE

Ambitious planting programs in Asia and the United States have helped slow the global rate of deforestation but farmers are still cutting trees to clear land at an alarmingly high rate, a U.N. survey released Thursday shows.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107312>

Events

Forestry Hike in the Lower Wisconsin Riverway

APRIL 3, 2010, BOSCOBEL, WI

A guided hike with Lower Wisconsin State Riverway forester Brad Hutnik will be conducted near Boscobel on Saturday, April 3 beginning at 10:00 am. The floodplain forest community on the riverway is changing, mostly due to changes in the flooding cycle since dams were established in the watershed.

For more information, contact Lila Marmel at 608-624-5269 or sunmoon@mwt.net, or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107229&categoryID=>

Bird Conservation: How Woodland Owners Can Help Minnesota's Birds

APRIL 16, 2010, ST. LOUIS PARK, MN

Learn about birds in their natural habitat and what you can do to help create bird-friendly environments in your woods and yard. This workshop will involve an indoor presentation and outdoor session to discuss sustainable land stewardship practices, songbird habitat and woodland management connections including invasive species, and showcase important plants for many different species of birds.

For more information, contact Barb Spears at 651-328-0463 or bjspears@q.com, or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107283&categoryID=>

EAB - Eyes in the Woods

APRIL 21, 2010, CLOQUET, MN

Have you heard about emerald ash borer (EAB) but aren't sure how it will impact your work in the woods or what management suggestions are best for landowners? Would you like to know how to identify EAB and its signs and symptoms? Are you worried about how EAB quarantines might impact your business? If you answered yes to any of these questions please attend one of the EAB Eyes in the Woods ½ day sessions to learn all about EAB, its history, how to ID it and its symptoms, management recommendations, and about quarantine restrictions.

For more information, contact the Minnesota Logger Education Program at (218) 722-5442 or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107313&categoryID=>.

Birding the Important Bird Area

MAY 8, 2010, BARABOO, WI

Come experience the ornithological diversity of the Leopold–Pine Island Important Bird Area! Learn to identify birds by sound, and develop your understanding of bird/habitat relationships. We'll start with a short outdoor listening session early in the morning, then head to the classroom to learn bird identification by sight and sound, connect birds to specific habitat types, and discuss conservation and management for the habitats and/or the birds.

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=107170&categoryID=>.

Forest Management Guideline Training

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, CLOQUET, MN

This two-day training provides an introduction to Minnesota's Forest Management and Biomass Harvesting Guidelines. All new MLEP members, as well as those reapplying for MLEP membership, are required to attend this training.

For more information, contact the Minnesota Logger Education Program at (218) 722-5442 or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107314&categoryID=>.

Publications

My Healthy Woods Handbook for Minnesota

The Aldo Leopold Foundation has release a publication called *My Healthy Woods Handbook* for landowners in Minnesota. Learn more about the book by visiting the Aldo Leopold Foundation Web site <https://www.aldoleopold.org/Programs/myhealthywoodsMN.shtml>.

Forest Certification: A Status Report by Dovetail Partners, Inc.

>From the Web site: "This report reviews the current status of forest certification programs, summarizes changes that have occurred over the past six years and speculates on what the future may bring in terms of opportunities and challenges. This report examines the North American context with some limited global references and with particular attention paid to programs of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)." Find the report here: <http://www.dovetailinc.org/reportsview/2010/sustainable-forestry/pkathryn-fernholzp/forest-certification-status-report>.

The Wild Garden, by Peter Bundy

Peter is a writer and forester. When he isn't working quietly with words, he spends his time as a consultant helping landowners and land managers restore the health of their forestlands. This is a passion, as well as a livelihood, and both of his books, *Finding the Forest* and *The Wild Garden* share stories from this woods experience.

We encourage you to learn more about his most recent book by visiting:

<http://masconomo.com/publications.php>. You can also listen to an interview about the book from KAXE with Peter Bundy at <http://masconomo.com/KAXEInterview.mov>(please note that it may take a few moments to load).

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