

Community Forestry Resource Center

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News and Event Summary

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This message includes news, headlines and information gathered during the past two weeks.

On Friday, April 16, Don Arnosti, from IATP and Audubon Minnesota, will be giving a talk on Bird-Friendly Woodland Management. [Check out the details in the event listing, below.](#)

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News

Renewing prairies by removing trees (Minn.)

THE STAR TRIBUNE

DNR technician Pete Schaefer used a chainsaw to remove ash trees on a state wildlife management area near Swan Lake in Nicollet County. State and federal agencies say trees are detrimental to grassland-nesting birds such as pheasants, ducks and some songbirds.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107364>

Forests growing back in U.S. face man-made tests

THE WASHINGTON POST

Here, in a forest of woodpecker-holed pine trees, is one of the rarest things in the American environment. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107344>

Protected Forest Areas May Be Critical Strategy for Slowing Climate Change

SCIENCEDAILY

A new study involving scientists from 13 different organizations, universities and research institutions states that forest protection offers one of the most effective, practical, and immediate strategies to combat climate change.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107354>

More Than a Half-Million Acres of Indiana Forests Certified

GREENERBUILDINGS

Scientific Certification Systems has certified 528,332 acres of Indiana woodlands to Forest Stewardship Council standards, SCS said today.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107357>

Unwanted, unloved and living here

THE TIMES UNION

If it slithers, stings, eats or just grows, the state wants invasive species gone

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107358>

Emerald Ash Borer University Webinars Deliver Quality Information for Little Costs

USFS SUCCESS STORIES

The Challenge - The emerald ash borer (EAB) was discovered near Detroit, MI, in the fall of 2002. Since then, EAB has spread to 13 States in the East and Midwest, and is closing in on other States quickly. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107359>

Depopulation may be harming the Amazon rainforest

MONGABAY NEWS

Urbanization may be having unexpected impacts in the Amazon rainforest by leaving forest areas vulnerable to exploitation by outsiders, report researchers writing in Conservation Letters. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107361>

Rainforest Alliance Certifies Massachusetts Private Forests to FSC Standards

RAINFOREST ALLIANCE

The Rainforest Alliance's SmartWood program announced today its certification of a Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (MA DCR) group to Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107362>

Douglas-fir disease spreading along Oregon and Washington coasts

THE OREGONIAN

A fungal disease attacking Douglas-fir trees along the Pacific Northwest coast is intensifying and may be linked to a warmer climate and extensive planting of Douglas-fir on logged tracts, new Oregon State University research suggests.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107363>

Events

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=>.

Managing early successional wildlife habitat

APRIL 21, 2010, ONLINE WEBINAR

PLEASE NOTE: The time listed on this Web site is in CENTRAL TIME

"Managing early successional wildlife habitat" will be presented by Kristi Sullivan, Cornell University Department of Natural Resources.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107365&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=>.

Effectively Communicating the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Message through Media Outreach

MAY 19, 2010, ONLINE WEBINAR

PLEASE NOTE: The time listed for this Webinar is in CENTRAL TIME

"Effectively Communicating the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Message through Media Outreach" will be presented by Dr. Holly Menninger, Cornell University Department of Natural Resources.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107366&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

The State of the Birds 2010 Report on Climate Change

>From the News Release: "Climate change threatens to further imperil hundreds of species of migratory birds, already under stress from habitat loss, invasive species and other environmental threats, a new report released today by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar concludes." Read the report at: <http://www.stateofthebirds.org/>.

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>.

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