

Community Forestry Resource Center

Weekly News and Event Summary

March 18, 2009

The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy invites you to join us for an important conversation about the intersection of food, energy and climate change. From the field to our grocery stores and homes, our food system is a significant source of global warming emissions. Learn how we can redesign our food system to meet food, climate and energy goals. For more, visit <http://www.iatp.org/minnesotaglobal/>.

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Support IATP and make a difference in the world today!

IATP works hard to keep farmers on their land, to ensure the safety of our food supply and to preserve biodiversity and the environment for future generations. We cannot do this work without you. Please join us in our work of advocating for fair and sustainable food, farm and trade systems. Your support is greatly appreciated!

To make a donation, visit <https://www.thedatabank.com/dpg/2/donate.asp?formid=donate>.

If you have additional questions about supporting IATP, please contact Kate Hoff at 612-870-3404 or khoff@iatp.org or Anne Walters at 612-870-3408 or awalters@iatp.org. Thank you!

News

Buckthorn biomass to be converted into electricity (Minn.)

KARE 11 NEWS | MARCH 19, 2009

It was brought to the United States as a hedge and is now more of a nuisance.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105530>

Tree death rate in Pacific Northwest doubled in 17 years (Wash.)

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON NEWS AND INFORMATION | MARCH 19, 2009

Trees are dying twice as fast as they did three decades ago in older forests of the western United States and scientists suspect warming temperatures are a contributing factor.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105521>

Commissioner Goldmark launches biomass initiative (Wash.)

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES | MARCH 19, 2009

Effort would create jobs, healthier forests, and renewable energy

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105522>

New US paper purchasing toolkit recommends FSC

MARCH 19, 2009

A new online resource guide for paper users in the US recommends that buyers should look for the FSC logo. The Environmental Paper Network (EPN) launched WhatsInYourPaper.com to assist and guide consumers and companies to use 'environmentally superior paper'.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105523>

Garlic Mustard Educational Video is Ready to Ship!

WISCONSIN FAMILY FORESTS, INC. | MARCH 19, 2009

Stemming the Tide: Garlic Mustard ID and Control has been released and is ready to ship!

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105524>

Forest Service Doles Out Stimulus Funds

NEW YORK TIMES | MARCH 19, 2009

Clearing brush — a favorite occupation of a certain former president — is now earning stimulus funds. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105525>

Latest reports reveal carbon market on shaky ground (ore.)

THE DAILY ASTORIAN | MARCH 19, 2009

Patchwork of initiatives across continent lack common ground

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105528>

Canada's carbon sink has sprung a leak

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR | MARCH 19, 2009

Until recently, its vast forests vacuumed up carbon dioxide. Now that process has been thrown in reverse. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105526>

Why Biofuels Are the Rainforest's Worst Enemy (Borneo)

MOTHER JONES | MARCH 19, 2009

nestled deep in the tropical rainforest on the island of Borneo, Pareh is a collection of about 60 weathered wooden houses perched on stilts and enfolded by coconut palms, banana trees, and the dappled green overhang of the towering forest.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105527>

Events

Woody Biomass: Building the future with clean energy!

MARCH 21, 2009, NORTH BRANCH, MN

Learn about a local, renewable and clean alternative energy source that may affect you and your community. Not only woody biomass, but agricultural and herbaceous biomass have the potential to become very viable energy sources for the future.

For more information, contact Jason Rehn at 651-674-2333 or jason.rehn@mn.nacdn.net, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105402&categoryID=>

Energy Saving Landscapes

MARCH 24, 2009, MONTEVIDEO, MN

Learn how trees and shrubs can be used to help you save energy year round. Strategically placed trees and shrubs in shelterbelts, windbreaks, living snow fences and in the home lawn, can enhance property value, aesthetics, wildlife habitat and can reduce energy costs by 25 to 30%.

For more information, contact Gary Wyatt at wyatt@umn.edu or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105532&categoryID=>

Biomass for Local Renewable Energy and Economic Development

MARCH 26, 2009, PONSFORD, MN

Woody biomass has been used for thousands of years for cooking, heating and has received considerable attention in the recent past as a "fuel of the future". Our public forests and agricultural lands could provide a reliable supply of biomass for energy production while also maintaining ecological productivity.

For more information, contact the White Earth Natural Resources Department at 218-573-3007 or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105278&categoryID=>

How & What to Plant in your Forest

MARCH 27, 2009, DULUTH, MN

Description forthcoming.

For more information, contact the Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center at 218-721-3731 or by email at boulder@d.umn.edu or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105336&categoryID=>

Wetland Connections Conference

JUNE 21-26, 2009, MADISON, WI

Wetland Connections is a deliberately broad and inclusive theme for the 2009 conference. Although wetlands cover only 5% of the earth's surface, they maintain essential links between land and water — in inland lakes and streams, arctic muskeg, and where the inland waters meet the ocean in estuaries, salt marshes, and mangroves.

For more information, visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105535&categoryID=>

Information

CVal: A Carbon Valuation Tool for Foresters and Private Forest Landowners

The CVal spreadsheet is a powerful tool that will help foresters, managers, and project

developers work with private forest landowners to assess the economic profitability of participating in carbon markets. CVal provides a discounted cash flow analysis based on a full accounting of variables, including tract size, carbon sequestration rate, carbon price, and enrollment and trading costs. Automated, financial break-even analyses in the macros version quickly assess threshold values of key variables for profitable projects, and the program readily performs "what if" calculations after storing starting values.

CVal was designed to evaluate managed forest and afforestation projects traded on the Chicago Climate Exchange, but its methodology could be adapted for other trading mechanisms and agricultural sequestration projects. Documentation is provided in the program itself and in GTR-180. CVal was developed by Ted Bilek (USFS Forest Products Lab), Peter Becker (Eastern Ozarks Forestry Council), and Tim McAbee (LandMark Systems), and is available at no cost.

Download CVal and GTR-180 at http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/documnts/fplgtr/fpl_gtr180.html.

The Land Department Directory for Minnesota available online

Charlie Blinn of the University of MN Department of Forest Resources has compiled a handy directory of Minnesota county land department personnel. The guide is available through the [Minnesota Logger's Education Project Web site](#).

Publications

Property Tax Relief for Forest Landowners

MEL BAUGHMAN | FEB. 26, 2009

An excellent document written by Mel Baughman for the Minnesota Forestry Association about SFIA and 2c. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105337>

2010 National Report on Sustainable Forests

USDA FOREST SERVICE | JAN. 29, 2009

The Draft National Report on Sustainable Forests--2010 describes the state of forests in the United States of America and the indicators of national progress toward the goal of sustainable forest management.

Read the report at <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=105063>.

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