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June 4, 2009

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News

Legacy deal will protect land Up North (Minn.)

STAR TRIBUNE | JUNE 4, 2009

About 187,000 acres of northern Minnesota forest, wetlands and shoreline will be permanently protected and open to public hunting, fishing and other recreational uses under an agreement signed Wednesday by Blandin Paper Co.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106187>

Indigenous people, forest communities in Africa control less than 2% of forest land

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Less than 2 percent of Africa's tropical forests are under community control, hindering efforts to slow deforestation and alleviate rural poverty, reports a new assessment from the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI), a global coalition of non-governmental and community organizations.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106183>

'We Know What to Do: Why Don't We Do It?'

THE GUARDIAN | JUNE 4, 2009

Africans - and especially African women - will suffer most from climate change. Nobel laureate Wangari Maathai intends to help them <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106184>

Yale Study Finds Evidence that Damaged Ecosystems Can Recover Rapidly

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS NETWORK | JUNE 4, 2009

A recent study by Yale University's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies reports that if humans commit to the restoration effort, most ecosystems can recover from very major disruption within decades to half-centuries.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106185>

FSC certified timber sales rise at Kingfisher

JUNE 4, 2009

Kingfisher, whose main retail brands are B&Q, Castorama, Brico Dépôt and Screwfix, has reported a rise of two percent in sales of FSC certified timber to 47% of the groups total timber sales from February 2008 to 2009. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106186>

Events

Bird Friendly Forestry

JUNE 6, 2009, LA FARGE, WI

Learn about sustainable forestry and bird habitat management! Join leading experts in the field as they discuss forest stewardship options and the management of forest habitat for neotropical migratory songbirds.

For more information, contact David Wilson at 608-723-6377 ext. 135 or David.Wilson@rcdnet.net, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106032&categoryID=>

Forest and Range Owners Field Day

JUNE 20, 2009, REPUBLIC, WA

The Forest and Range Owners Field Day is an out-in-the-woods educational experience that will 1) increase awareness of fundamental management techniques and emerging issues, 2) stimulate best practices behaviors, and 3) unite landowners with products and services that will help them accomplish their land stewardship objectives.

For more information, contact Andy Perleberg at 509-667-6540 or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106143&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=>

Family Forestland Ownership and Taxes

JUNE 23, 2009, INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN

Landowners with income from timber sales receive significant tax benefits if they operate as a business. Learn what you should do to show that you are operating as a business. You will learn about a simple record keeping method that can document a business interest and create a personalized history of your woodland.

For more information, contact Justin Berg at 218-283-1175 or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105946&categoryID=>

Invasive Plant Species Control Measures

JULY 20, 2009, GRAND RAPIDS, MN

Discuss problems presented by invasive non-native plants and the difficulties in eradicating them from your properties.

For more information, contact Ketih Matson at 218-246-8104 or keithmatson@hotmail.com, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105947&categoryID=>.

Information

Woody Biomass Harvest for Habitat Restoration in Minnesota

An RFP titled "Woody Biomass Harvest for Habitat Restoration" has been posted to solicit potential projects to be funded through the Woody Biomass Project of the MN DNR Ecological Resources Division. Funds to be dispersed in this final round resulted from previous projects that were completed at a cost lower than originally estimated.

The project description, selection criteria, selection process, and application information can be found on the MN DNR Grants webpage at

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/biomass.html>. Application deadline is 12:00 noon on June 26, 2009. Please contact Barb Spears, Woody Biomass Project Coordinator, with any questions at 651-259-5849

New: How to Respond to Questions about EAB in Minnesota

Since the discovery of EAB in St. Paul and just into Wisconsin east of Houston County, Minnesota, you may have landowners calling you about EAB. Attached is a one-pager that outlines EAB information sources and who to contact if you or one of your clients has questions about EAB. The document also addresses EAB quarantines, firewood restrictions, and gypsy moth information. View the document by visiting

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=106189>.

Information on Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine in Houston County, MN

On April 22, 2009, Minnesota established a quarantine area for emerald ash borer (EAB) which included all of Houston County. EAB has not been detected in Houston County, but Minnesota has established it as a quarantine area due to its physical proximity to a known EAB infestation in Vernon County, WI.

For more information on the EAB quarantine area in Minnesota, visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refid=105911>.

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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