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News

Montanan selected to head up Forest Service

GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE | JUNE 18, 2009

Tom Tidwell of Montana, who rose from district ranger to regional forest supervisor, is the new chief of the U.S. Forest Service. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106260>

4 states ravaged by beetles ask US for forest fire support

BOSTON GLOBE | JUNE 18, 2009

Officials from Rocky Mountain states urged Congress yesterday to help them avert a potential catastrophe this summer, with millions of acres of beetle-ravaged pines prone to fire.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106261>

Hybrid American Chestnut Trees Have Superior Carbon Capture Potential

REUTERS | JUNE 18, 2009

Introducing a new hybrid of the American chestnut tree would not only bring back the all-but-extinct species, but also put a dent in the amount of carbon in the Earth's atmosphere, according to a new Purdue University study. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106262>

Insect in hemlock forests causes loss of canopy, gain of invasive plants (Calif.)

UC BERKELEY NEWS | JUNE 18, 2009

Deep in the hemlock forests of the Eastern United States, a tiny, aphid-like insect may be playing a giant role in transforming an ecosystem, according to new research by ecologists at the University of California, Berkeley. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106267>

First Carbon Footprint, Now Forest Footprint? (U.K.)

JUNE 18, 2009

The Forest Footprint Disclosure Project in the UK will run in parallel to the Carbon Disclosure Project, with the aim to get corporations to disclose how their activities and supply chain practices lead to tropical deforestation. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106263>

Invest in trees and soil, not just cleaner coal: UN

REUTERS VIA PLANETARK | JUNE 18, 2009

Many energy companies and analysts say the world should invest in technology which traps carbon emissions from the flue gas of coal plants and then buries it underground.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106264>

Australia's forests key to fighting global warming

JUNE 18, 2009

Ancient Australian forests are key to fighting climate change and contain the world's most dense carbon store, eclipsing tropical rainforests as efficient greenhouse gas absorbers, scientists said on Tuesday. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106266>

Global Warming Increasing The Dispersal Of Flora In Northern Forests

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As a result of stronger winds caused by global warming, seeds and pollen are being carried over longer distances. An increase in temperature of only a couple of degrees may increase the dispersal of plants in Northern forests and the spread of plant species into forest clearings after felling or forest fires. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106268>

Events

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=>

Paper Birch Bark Harvesting Techniques and Pot Luck

JUNE 22, 2009, GRAND RAPIDS, MN

Join us for demonstrations of Paper Birch Bark harvesting process, a short MFA Chapter (Itasca County Private Woodland Committee) meeting and a Social BBQ (Hot Dogs and hamburgers) with other dishes and desserts shared by the Itasca County Private Woodland Committee members, friends and public, along with the Forest History Center Staff and members of the Friends of the Forest History Center.

For more information, contact Keith Matson at (218) 246-8104 or keithmatson@hotmail.com, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106269&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=>

Growing Green Wood Markets: A forum on FSC certified forest product markets

JUNE 23, 2009, GREENSBORO, NC

Join forest products companies, TIMOs, landowners, green builders, FSC staff and others in discussion about current markets and opportunities to expand markets for FSC certified forest products in the South.

For more information, contact the Southern Forests Network at 828-277-9008 or howdy@southernsustainableforests.org or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106230&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 Keith Matson at 218-246-8104 or keithmatson@hotmail.com, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105947&categoryID=>.

Information

Job Openings: Clearwater Forest Consultants, LLC

Clearwater Forest Consultants, LLC is seeking to hire one Forester and one Forest Technician. Both positions will initially be located in our Piedmont, Missouri office. Visit www.clearwaterforestconsultants.com for detailed job descriptions and application instructions.

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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