

## **Community Forestry Resource Center**

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Weekly News and Event Summary

July 17, 2009

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## News

### **Blog: Community Supported Forests**

WORLD CHANGING | JULY 16, 2009

To receive a big box of fresh fruits and veggies, herbs and mushrooms straight from local farmers, many city-dwellers sign up for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). By skipping the grocery store and buying direct from the farmer, subscribers' annual fees help small scale agriculturalists gain the support they need to survive in a Big Ag world.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106422>

### **Study says embers help guide forest fires**

BILLINGS GAZETTE | JULY 17, 2009

Why does one home in a subdivision burn during a wildland fire while others surrounding it remain unscathed? <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106430>

### **Blog: Forest fires vs. forest carbon**

LOS ANGELES TIMES GREENSPACE BLOG | JULY 17, 2009

Should forests be thinned to reduce fires, or should they be tended to store the maximum amount of carbon in their trees to prevent global warming?

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106431>

### **NEWS: FSC Reaches 100 Million Acres in U.S. and Canada**

FSC-CANADA | JULY 16, 2009

More Than 100 Million Acres of Forest in the United States and Canada Now Managed to Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Standards. Extraordinary Growth Signals Rise of Demand for Environmentally and Socially Responsible Wood and Paper.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106423>

### **Illegal Amazon timber passed off as eco-certified in massive wood laundering scheme**

MONGABAY.COM | JULY 17, 2009

A Brazilian federal prosecutor is leading an investigation into charges that illegal timber from the state of Pará is being laundered as "eco-certified" wood and exported to markets in the United States, Europe, and Asia, reports Sunday's edition of O Globo.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106428>

### **British company barcodes trees to protect forests**

REUTERS | JULY 17, 2009

Deep in the world's tropical rainforests, workers are hammering thousands of barcodes into hardwood trees to help in the fight against illegal logging, corruption and global warming.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106429>

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## Events

### **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](mailto:keithmatson@hotmail.com), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=105947&categoryID=>.

### **Landowner perspectives on forest stewardship and sustainability**

JULY 27, 2009, ONLINE

Webinars provide an opportunity for nationally acclaimed speakers (see list below for example) to provide an educational experience via a high-speed Internet connection to people around the world. ForestConnect is a pioneer in offering forest-related webinars and includes more than 1200 registered participants who own or manage almost 10 million acres.

For more information, contact Peter Smallidge at [pjs23@cornell.edu](mailto:pjs23@cornell.edu), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106313&categoryID=>

### **Estate Planning for Forest Landowners—Your Living Legacy**

AUGUST 1, 2009, EAGLE RIVER, WI

The meeting will feature three expert speakers who will emphasize different aspects of this central issue. The day opens with Carol Nielsen, a longtime member of the Wisconsin DNR division of forestry.

For more information, contact Joe Hovel at 715-479-8528 or [logcabin@nnex.net](mailto:logcabin@nnex.net), or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106315&categoryID=>.

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## 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](http://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>.

### **New York Invasive Species Clearinghouse Web site on Emerald Ash Borer**

With the unfortunate (not not unexpected) discovery of EAB in western NY, the NY Invasive Species Clearinghouse has rolled out a new EAB page on [NYIS.INFO](http://www.nyis.info). You can get to it either from the EAB announcement at the top of our homepage or go directly to our emerald ash borer page. The page contains links to numerous state, regional, federal, research and educational resources regarding the insect; new material is being added continuously.

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## **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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