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Weekly News and Event Summary

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#### Dear readers,

You may have noticed a slight change in the way we are now posting news stories to our Web site. The links in the listserv will take you to our Web page with a short introduction to the news story. To access the entire story, you will need to click on the link underneath the title of the news story which lists the source name. That link will take you to the originally published story.

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## News

### **New rule aims to reduce spread of invasive species in Wisconsin**

SEP. 3, 2009

Wisconsin's new invasive species rule, designed to contain new and existing invasive species, goes into effect Sept. 1, 2009. The new rule establishes a science-based classification and regulatory system for invasive species and addresses possession, sale, transportation and introduction of listed invasive species. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106726>

### **Washington Forests Can Sustain Biofuels - Study**

SEP. 3, 2009

Wood is a popular fuel for heating homes in the Northwest but few people might see it as an important source of liquid fuels for motor vehicles. However, a new University of Washington report commissioned by the Washington Legislature suggests that woody biomass could represent the state's greatest opportunity to develop biofuels and reduce both green house gas emissions and dependency upon imported oil.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106720>

### **Seeing The Tree From The Forest: Predicting The Future Of Plant Communities**

SEP. 3, 2009

he ability to envisage the future may be closer than you would think. A recent paper by Sean Hammond and Karl Niklas in the August 2009 issue of the American Journal of Botany presents an algorithm that may be used to predict the future dynamics of plant communities, an increasingly interesting area of study as significant environmental changes, such as global climate change and invasive species, are affecting current plant communities.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106721>

### **State Foresters Applaud USDA Secretary Vilsack's 'All-lands' Approach to Nation's Forests**

SEP. 3, 2009

a recent letter to U.S Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) applauded the new vision he shared for America's forests during an August 14 address in Seattle. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106722>

### **Endowment and Partners Announce Plan for Conservation Easement Database (U.S.)**

SEP. 3, 2009

The U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities (the Endowment), with generous support of the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelly Foundation, today announced a collaborative initiative to

create the first national database of conservation easement information.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106723>

### **Wood-to-oil process could make forest thinning pay (Ore.)**

ASHLAND DAILY TIMES | SEP. 3, 2009

Umpqua soil scientist puts a new twist on an old technology [Read more...](#)

### **Study: Forest zones near waterways recover on their own after fires (Ore.)**

THE OREGONIAN | SEP. 3, 2009

In a study that will surely inform the debate over post-wildfire logging, researchers at Oregon State University have found that areas near streams and rivers recovery quickly and on their own following fires. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106725>

### **Cost of climate change adaptation to be 2-3 times higher than current estimates (World)**

SEP. 3, 2009

The cost of adapting to climate change will be significantly higher than estimated by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) warns a new report published by the International Institute for Environment and Development and the Grantham Institute for Climate Change at Imperial College London. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106727>

### **As Farmland Grows, the Trees Fight Back (World)**

TIME | SEP. 3, 2009

Farms vs. forests — that's the usual dynamic in tropical countries, where the growth of agriculture often comes at the expense of trees...But a major new study indicates that farms and forests may not be as incompatible as we often assume.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=106719>

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## **Events**

### **Wildland-Urban Interface Issues and Connections**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009, WEBINAR

In the field of natural resource management, we are increasingly hearing terms such as exurbia, urban sprawl, and rural fringe. What is this area often referred to as the wildland-urban interface (WUI)? We're facing new challenges including population growth, rapid land-use change, and forest fragmentation.

For more information, visit

[http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106691&categoryID=.](http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106691&categoryID=)

### **Can our forests adapt to invasive pests?**

SEPTEMBER 21, 2009, BEMIDJI, MN

Carrie Pike will discuss successes and failures of programs attempting to breed for resistance to a

variety of invasive insects and diseases. She will also cover factors that influence resistance and invasiveness in ecosystems.

For more information, visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106728&categoryID=>.

### **Timber Stand Improvement**

OCTOBER 10, 2009, BARABOO WI

Understanding management practices can help you to guide the future of your forest. This class will give forest landowners an opportunity to understand an important forest management practice, timber stand improvement (TSI).

For more information, contact Alanna Koshollek at 608-355-0279, ext. 30 or

[alanna@aldoleopold.org](mailto:alanna@aldoleopold.org), or visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106639&categoryID=>

### **Game of Logging: Level I**

OCTOBER 11, 2009, BARABOO, WI

Mastering the basics of chainsaw safety is essential for woodland owners who want to be more active on their land, from making firewood to timber stand improvement. The “Game of Logging” is a four-level series designed to increase safety and efficiency of chainsaw use.

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[alanna@aldoleopold.org](mailto:alanna@aldoleopold.org), or visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106640&categoryID=>

### **RESTORING THE WEST CONFERENCE 2009**

OCTOBER 27-28, 2009, LOGAN, UT

Peaks to Valleys: Innovative Land Management for the Great Basin The theme of this year's Restoring the West Conference is sustainability of Great Basin landscapes from peaks to valleys, with an emphasis on forest, sagebrush steppe, and riparian ecosystems.

For more information, contact Kendra McKenna at [kendra.mckenna@usu.edu](mailto:kendra.mckenna@usu.edu) or visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106693&categoryID=>.

### **64th NCWSS Annual Meeting Information Center**

DECEMBER 7-10, 2009, KANSAS CITY, MO

The North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) would like to invite you to their Annual Meetings to be held from Dec. 7-10th in Kansas City, MO. The program chair, Chris Boerboom, the programming committees of NCWSS, and the local arrangement committee are working hard to produce a quality program.

For more information contact the North Central Weed Science Society at (217) 352-4212 or visit

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=106692&categoryID=>.

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## **Publications**

### **Conservation Buffers: Design Guidelines for Buffers, Corridors, and Greenways**

USDA NATIONAL AGROFORESTRY CENTER

The Conservation Buffers website offers resources for planning and designing buffers in rural and urban landscapes. The primary resource is Conservation Buffers: Design Guidelines for Buffers, Corridors, and Greenways which provides over 80 illustrated design guidelines synthesized and developed from a review of over 1400 research publications. Learn more at: <http://www.unl.edu/nac/bufferguidelines/>.

### **Forests, Water and People Analysis**

USDA FOREST SERVICE

The Forests, Water and People analysis uses maps produced in a geographic information system (GIS) to highlight the connection between forests and the protection of surface drinking water quality. This connection of "forest to faucet" is of vital importance to people in the Northeast and Midwest. Forests are the crucial first barrier to protection of drinking water, and managing forests for source water protection is becoming more important as the population and water demand increase. Approximately 50 to 75 percent of the region's population relies on surface water as their municipal drinking water source – more than 52 million people receive clean drinking water from nearly 1,600 community water systems. These water supplies are protected largely by private forest lands. This analysis identifies these water supplies and the forests that protect them. Learn more at: [http://www.na.fs.fed.us/watershed/fwp\\_preview.shtm](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/watershed/fwp_preview.shtm).

### **Two Forests Under the Big Sky: Tribal v. Federal Management**

PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH CENTER

In this policy series, Alison Berry continues her work on the quality of forests that result under different management schemes. She contrasts side-by-side forests in Montana. One is operated by the United States Forest Service under the watchful eye of Congress. The other is run by Indian tribes on reservation lands. Learn more at: <http://www.perc.org/articles/article1174.php>.

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