

Community Forestry Resource Center

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News

Two-lined chestnut borer latest threat to trees (Minn.)

STAR TRIBUNE

The insect has preyed on drought-stressed oaks in a Richfield park, and could spread.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107438>

Ash borer: Best defense is a strong offense (Minn.)

STAR TRIBUNE

Three Rivers Parks is launching its largest-ever preemptive tree-removal effort to battle the emerald ash borer. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107439>

Fire danger at record levels

TIMBERJAY NEWS

Fire officials anticipate little relief from one of the most dangerous spring fire seasons in recent memory. The area remains in the grip of an exceptional dry spell that has left area fields and forests in explosive condition. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107436>

Obama to take a grass-roots approach to conservation

USA TODAY

President Obama plans to direct the federal government to foster community-based efforts to save the nation's rivers, coastlines, farms, forests and other outdoor spaces as part of a new approach to conservation. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107414>

Slash and Sprawl: U.S. Eastern Forests Resume Decline

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

Since the 1970s woodlands that had been rebounding started to shrink again

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107415>

Fighting forest fires in Washington state

SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER

There's nothing like a catastrophe next door to focus the mind, especially when your job is to manage public forestlands. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107416>

U.S. losing trees faster than other heavily forested nations

USA TODAY

Out of seven of the most heavily forested nations on Earth, the United States experienced a greater percentage of forest loss from 2000 to 2005 than did any of the other countries, a study said Monday. <http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107440>

Events

Walk in the Woods

MAY 7, 2010, SOUTH HAVEN, MN

Join us for an informal “walk and talk” with private landowners and a DNR Forester about what it means to take care of your land, how to plan your woodland management activities, and what financial assistance is available.

For more information, contact Barb Spears at 651-328-0463 or bjspears@q.com, or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107444&categoryID=>.

Birding the Important Bird Area

MAY 8, 2010, BARABOO, WI

Come experience the ornithological diversity of the Leopold–Pine Island Important Bird Area! Learn to identify birds by sound, and develop your understanding of bird/habitat relationships. We’ll start with a short outdoor listening session early in the morning, then head to the classroom to learn bird identification by sight and sound, connect birds to specific habitat types, and discuss conservation and management for the habitats and/or the birds.

For more information, contact Alanna Koshollek at (608) 355-0279, x.30 or alanna@aldoleopold.org, or visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107170&categoryID=>.

Effectively Communicating the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Message through Media Outreach

MAY 19, 2010, ONLINE WEBINAR

PLEASE NOTE: The time listed for this Webinar is in CENTRAL TIME

"Effectively Communicating the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Message through Media Outreach" will be presented by Dr. Holly Menninger, Cornell University Department of Natural Resources.

For more information, please visit <http://www.forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107366&categoryID=>

Four Corners Pilot Forestry Project “Walk in the Woods”

MAY 20, 2010, STANCHFIELD, MN

Join us for a “Walk in the Woods” to hear presentations regarding forest management practices to include timber stand improvement, tree & shrub ID, bird habitat, forest ecology and much more. The setting will be outdoors in the woods.

For more information, please contact Jason Rehn at 651-674-2333 or jason.rehn@mn.nacdn.net, or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107443&categoryID=>.

Working Forests & Carbon Workshop and Field Tour

JUNE 9-10, 2010, PALISADE, MN

Mark your calendars for the Working Forests & Carbon event to be held June 9-10th, including a workshop at the Long Lake Conservation Center near Palisade, MN and a field tour the following day. The workshop will feature presentations by the Climate Action Reserve and the American Carbon Registry with details about carbon offset standards and forest project requirements.

For more information, contact Dovetail Partners, Inc. at 612-333-0430 or info@dovetailinc.org, or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107445&categoryID=>.

Forest Management Guideline Training

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, CLOQUET, MN

This two-day training provides an introduction to Minnesota's Forest Management and Biomass Harvesting Guidelines. All new MLEP members, as well as those reapplying for MLEP membership, are required to attend this training.

For more information, contact the Minnesota Logger Education Program at (218) 722-5442 or visit <http://forestrycenter.org/events.cfm?refID=107314&categoryID=>.

Publications

The State of the Birds 2010 Report on Climate Change

>From the News Release: "Climate change threatens to further imperil hundreds of species of migratory birds, already under stress from habitat loss, invasive species and other environmental threats, a new report released today by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar concludes." Read the report at: <http://www.stateofthebirds.org/>.

My Healthy Woods Handbook for Minnesota

The Aldo Leopold Foundation has release a publication called *My Healthy Woods Handbook* for landowners in Minnesota. Learn more about the book by visiting the Aldo Leopold Foundation Web site <https://www.aldoleopold.org/Programs/myhealthywoodsMN.shtml>.

Information

Minnesota Forest Management Guidelines to be Revised in 2010

Minnesota's Voluntary Site-Level Forest Management Guidelines are set to be revised in 2010. You can learn more about the process at this website:

http://www.frc.state.mn.us/initiatives_sitelevel_management_development.html.

Climate Change Resource Center

The Climate Change Resource Center is hosted by the U.S. Forest Service and provides information to forest owners on creating management plans that address climate change.

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/index.cfm?RefID=107413>

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