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American Experience: The Big Burn (currently airing on Wisconsin PBS channels)

In the summer of 1910, hundreds of wildfires raged across the Northern Rockies. By the time it was all over, more than three million acres had burned and at least 78 firefighters were dead. It was the largest fire in American history. [Watch Video](#)

The Great Fire of 1910

The fire fundamentally shaped Forest Service practices. The Great Fire of 1910 affected forest fire fighting policy of the nation and influenced forest management to this very day. United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Internet document. [Read More](#)

In the News

Federal Shutdown Affecting Wildlife, Forest Product and Water Research Conducted in Madison Area

Centers for wildlife health, forest products research and water science are among the federal offices in the Madison area that have been closed due to the partial federal shutdown. The United States Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center on Madison's Southwest Side and the USGS' Wisconsin Water Science Center in Middleton are both closed. Both centers employ about 100 workers, many of them researchers, according to news reports and information on their websites. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Products Laboratory, located on the UW-Madison campus, also has been closed. Its employees include 60 research scientists. [Read More](#)

Federal Government Shutdown Impacting Wisconsin Businesses

Some Wisconsin businesses and entrepreneurs are feeling the effects of the partial federal government shutdown. A variety of programs that businesses use are out of service, from the E-Verify system (an online program that verifies an employee's ability to work in the U.S.) to tax help from the Internal Revenue Service. [Read More](#)

Wood-Infused Concrete Put to the Test

Repaving a parking lot isn't generally something we'd get too excited about here at the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL). That is, unless the project incorporates wood, in which case, we're totally stoked. [Read More](#)

Timber Sales in National Forest Reach Level Not Seen Since Early 1990s

RHINELANDER — Timber sale levels on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest reached 128.7 million board feet in fiscal year 2018, a level of sales not seen since the early 1990s. The 2018 fiscal year was also the sixth year in a row timber sales have increased in the forest. In 2017, the forest sold 120.5 million board feet of timber for an estimated value of \$7.72 million. Contractors also harvested 93.1 million board feet of timber valued at \$7.48 million. [Read More](#)

Hodag: The Outlandish Story of Wisconsin's Mythical Beast, on its 125th Birthday

RHINELANDER - The creature had a dragon's body, a fanged, snarly grin and smelled of "buzzard meat and skunk perfume," the Northwoods timberman wrote in a Rhinelander newspaper. Eugene Simeon Shepard described how the creature — "a terrible brute" of a hodag with the "strength of an ox," "the ferocity of a bear" and the "cunning of a fox" — tore apart the hunting dogs he and his friends tried to use to corner the beast. [Read More](#)

Photos: Wisconsin Wildlife Captured by Trail Cams

The Snapshot Wisconsin project is a citizen-based science initiative that uses trail cameras to document what's going on in the woodlands and other wild places when no one is looking. The project relies heavily on volunteers. The citizen scientists go through a training class, place a trail cam at an approved location, collect the images at least once every three months, upload the images to a website and classify the images. [Read More](#)



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<https://www.pbs.org/video/american-experience-big-burn/>

The Great Fire of 1910

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5444731.pdf

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https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/federal-shutdown-affecting-wildlife-forest-product-and-water-research-conducted/article_5d7588ab-c9ce-5905-aa38-ece47e6b8452.html

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<https://www.wpr.org/federal-government-shutdown-impacting-wisconsin-businesses>

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