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### History of Smokey Bear

Since 1944, Smokey's been working hard to inspire Americans to prevent wildfires. Follow his history here through memorabilia and print, radio and TV messages. [Watch Video](#) [Read More](#)

### In the News

#### Wisconsin Budget Committee Votes to End Forestry Mill Tax

The state's portion of Wisconsin's property tax revenue would be eliminated under a measure approved Thursday by the state's budget-writing committee. The Republican-led Joint Finance Committee voted to sunset the forestry mill tax, which would amount to a reduction of about \$180 million over the two-year budget period. [Read More](#)

#### Timber Sales Increase at National Forest in Wisconsin

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest may sell 123 million board feet of timber by the end of fiscal 2017, WJFW-TV reported. That would mark the fifth annual increase in a row for the forest, which is nearing its maximum yield. [Read More](#)

#### Tree Seedlings and Shrubs Can Be Ordered from DNR Reforestation Program Starting October 2

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. - The Department of Natural Resources Reforestation Program will begin its annual tree seedling and shrub sales starting October 2. The orders will be distributed in April and early May and can be picked up at the state nurseries located in Boscobel, Hayward, or Wisconsin Rapids, or delivered to a central location designated by the local DNR forester. [Read More](#)

#### What is Causing Hardwood Species to Appear Off-Color?

Numerous issues are causing various hardwood species to become off-color this summer. Below I've listed a few issues that I'm seeing. Most of these issues do not require any control or any mitigation if your trees are showing these symptoms. [Read More](#)

#### Northwoods Forest Officials Helping with Fires Out West

(WSAU-WXPR) -- 2017 is being remembered as one of the worst fire seasons in the western U.S. in recent memory. 43 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest workers are helping to fight wildfires in six western states, Montana, Oregon, Nevada, California, South Dakota and Washington. [Read More](#)

#### Forest Service Wildland Fire Suppression Costs Exceed \$2 Billion

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 14, 2017 – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced that wildland fire suppression costs for the fiscal year have exceeded \$2 billion, making 2017 the most expensive year on record. Wildfires have ravaged states in the west, Pacific Northwest, and Northern Rockies regions of the United States this summer. [Read More](#)

#### Wisconsin Legends, Peshtigo Firestorm Of 1871

October 8, 1871, the same day as the Chicago fire, between 1,200 to 2,500 American's lost their lives, and 1.2 million acres of land were burned in the Upper Midwest, in what is known as the Peshtigo Firestorm of 1871, the deadliest in United States recorded history [Read More](#)

#### Spreading Like Wildfire: Wisconsin's Forest Fires

Forest fires scorched Wisconsin's landscape in almost every decade in the 19th and 20th centuries. The most serious disasters occurred between 1847 and 1899, with 1871 as the worst year for forest fires in state history. [Read More](#)

### Upcoming Events

#### 2017 Fall Festivals and Events at Wisconsin State Park System Properties

MADISON - From fall color hikes, runs and bicycle rides, to releasing small sturgeon, pumpkin carving and Halloween activities, visitors to Wisconsin State Park System properties have multiple opportunities to enjoy fall in Wisconsin. More than 20 fall festivals and events are planned at properties over the next month. [Read More](#)



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To open the link, place your cursor over [Watch Video](#) or [Read More](#) and so on, and then left click on your mouse. That should open the link in a new window providing access to the specifically linked webpage.

With this issue of Woodchips, we will start listing the full URL to each hyperlink on a second page. If needed, the URL can be copied and pasted into your web browser address bar (also known as location bar or URL bar).

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## Links shared in this issue of Woodchips

### History of Smokey Bear

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAoKstyF0SU>

<https://smokeybear.com/en/smokeys-history?decade=1940>

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[http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/election-matters/wisconsin-budget-committee-votes-to-end-forestry-mill-tax/article\\_cdb975dd-1bad-5c4f-8503-da32ec76ed73.html](http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/election-matters/wisconsin-budget-committee-votes-to-end-forestry-mill-tax/article_cdb975dd-1bad-5c4f-8503-da32ec76ed73.html)

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<http://dnr.wi.gov/news/Weekly/Article/?id=4061>

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<https://forestrynews.blogs.govdelivery.com/2017/08/29/what-is-causing-hardwood-species-to-appear-off-color/>

### Northwoods Forest Officials Helping with Fires Out West

<http://wtaq.com/news/articles/2017/sep/14/northwoods-forest-officials-helping-with-fires-out-west/>

### Cost of Fighting U.S. Wildfires Topped \$2 Billion in 2017

<https://www.treehugger.com/green-architecture/women-wood-promotes-women-industry-dominated-men.html>

### Wisconsin Legends, Peshtigo Firestorm Of 1871

<http://www.legendsofamerica.com/wi-peshtigofire.html>

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<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS343>

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<http://dnr.wi.gov/news/Weekly/article/?id=4057>