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Forest Products Laboratory Brings Innovation to the Forest Products Industry with Nanocellulose

One of the most exciting and innovative forest products today is nanocellulose, a product that is as strong as steel but five times lighter. Here at the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL), we produce nanocellulose and work with many partners to study potential commercial applications for this wonder material that brings wood to industries that perhaps have not incorporated it before. The Forest Service recently produced a video that explains what nanocellulose is, how it's produced, and what it can be made into. It might seem hard to believe that wood can be used to make ballistic glass, synthetic armor, replacement tendons (yes, in people!), or coatings that keep food fresh longer. But it's all within reach, thanks to nanocellulose research...just watch and learn! [Watch](#)

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In the News

Forest Products Laboratory Researchers Honored by Forest Stewardship Council

The Forest Stewardship Council, the world's leading forest certification system, announced its 2017 FSC Leadership Awards in a celebration at Greenbuild. Recognizing enduring commitment to forest conservation, the award shines a light on people, companies and buildings that are breaking new ground and promoting responsible forest management. The Forest Products Laboratory's Center for Wood Anatomy Research was honored with a FSC Leadership Award "for applying state-of-the-art forensic wood science to verify the accuracy of FSC claims on more than 1,000 products annually." [Read More](#)

Demand For Paper Mills Decline While Market For Tissue, Sanitary Paper Is Expected To Rise

Wisconsin has lost about one-third of its paper mills in the last two decades. More companies are nearly bankrupt or are exploring the possibility of selling their mills. This fall, Industrial Assets Corp., a Los Angeles-based used machinery dealer, bought the Appleton Coated paper mill in Combined Locks, Wisconsin. In addition, Verso Corp. formed a committee to explore the potential sale of some of its mills. The company operates mills in both Duluth and Stevens Point. [Read More](#)

The Wisconsin Coverts Project

The Wisconsin Coverts Project invite you, the woodland owner, to apply for 1 of the 25 spaces available for the annual Coverts Workshop. We're looking for people who... can find time in their busy schedules for the workshop and some outreach activities in their communities, would like their woodlands to be healthy and productive, and care about woodlands and the wildlife that lives within them. Applications are due June 15th of the workshop year. All applications will be notified of their status by early July.

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2017 State Capitol Christmas Tree Selected, Harvested in Emery

MADISON – Governor Scott Walker announced today the selection and harvest of the 2017 State Capitol Christmas tree. The 40-foot balsam fir was harvested in the Town of Emery and donated by Jim Ryf. [Read More](#)

Cut Down a Natural Christmas Tree on State or National Forest Land

It took only about 10 minutes in the forest for our little family band to lose about half its members. Honestly, with our track record, I considered that an accomplishment. With a dad who feigns he's hard of hearing and a mom whose 5-foot-2-inch stature makes losing her in public a given, I spend about 50% of any family outing trying to find one or both of them. So when we set out on the Raven Trail in the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest near Woodruff, I figured I would concentrate first on finding the perfect Christmas tree and second on herding my family. Cutting down a real Christmas tree is one of those family traditions that signal the holidays for me more than anything. [Read More](#)

Paper in the Fox Valley, Past and Present

An educator at Appleton's Paper Discovery Center, Kathy Kleman spends her workdays leading visitors through the old paper mill turned museum--a place where science meets art meets history. Her mission? To convey the wonder and legacy of paper, she says. The Paper Discovery Center's large, arched windows overlook the Fox River, where paper manufacturers flocked in the late 19th century to take advantage of the pre-electric power source. Today the nation's largest concentration of paper mills is located along the banks of the river, which runs through east-central Wisconsin. And for fifty years, Wisconsin has produced more paper than any other U.S. state. [Read More](#)



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