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Development of New Dutch Elm Disease Tolerant Selections for Restoration of the American Elm

An overview of our research and development efforts to identify and create American elm trees through controlled pollination with trees that have tolerance to *Ophiostoma ulmi* and *O. novo-ulmi* and our efforts to use the American elm as a tool in restoration efforts will be presented. Presented by, James Slavicek, U.S. Forest Service Northern Research Station, at the 2016 SAF National Convention, Madison, Wisconsin [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Ice, Snow and Deep Frost: Winter Creates Problems for Trees

Heavy ice and snow loads can cause significant problems for trees. Branch tips and whole branches may break under heavy loads, and in windy conditions entire tree tops can come crashing down. Freezing rain on February 4, 2019 covered trees around the state with a ¼" thick layer of ice. The weather then turned bitterly cold, leaving the ice stuck to the branches, weighing them down and straining the trees. Following that event, a snow storm affecting most of the state led to more ice, snow and damage to branches. .

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For Algoma Natural Papermaker, Paper Is Art

For most people, paper is paper. It brings the news or carries a message. Paper may contain art, but in the form of a drawing or a story or music notes on a sheet. For Kirsten Christianson, paper is art. "I know that when I'm making the paper, it's going to develop into this creative thing." [Read More](#)

New Farm Bill: What's in it for Forestry?

President Trump recently signed the new Farm Bill, which is expected to cost \$867 billion over 10 years. Though it contains compromises for those on both sides of the political aisle, the House approved the bill by a 369-47 vote following the Senate's approval by an 87-13 vote a day earlier. The bill, which represents a balance between the House and Senate versions that were approved earlier in the summer, was signed by President Trump despite his vocal opposition to a few key components. [Read More](#)

Evergreen Inspections Find New Insect Pest; Burn or Bag Decorations, Officials Say

MADISON – Plant health officials are cautioning consumers to burn wreaths and other evergreen decorations, or bag them and put them in the trash, after inspectors found invasive insects on many such items sold at large chain stores in Wisconsin this holiday season. Inspectors found an insect called elongate hemlock scale, or EHS, on wreaths, swags and boughs, and in arrangements of evergreen boughs in hanging baskets, porch pots, mugs, and sleighs. EHS saps nutrients as it feeds on the underside of conifer needles, and threatens Wisconsin's Christmas tree farms, native hemlock and balsam fir forests, and ornamental conifers in yards and parks. [Read More](#)

Forest to Glass: Distillers are Now Searching for the World's Most Exotic Barrels

If you like the taste of bourbon, you like the taste of white oak. Bourbon makers say that somewhere between 50- and 80-percent of the flavor in bourbon is derived from interactions with the white oak staves used to make a barrel. The oak not only has its own natural flavors in it—after all, it's a plant like rutabaga or corn—but treating it with a flame to char the interior of the cask releases myriad other compounds, including a sort of butterscotch top-note that arises when the wood's natural sugars are caramelized. The interaction of oak and the molecules naturally found in spirits also create new and inviting compounds. [Read More](#)

Smokey Bear's 75th Birthday to be Celebrated in Parades and Parties all over the U.S.

There are icons and then there is Smokey Bear. Iconic mascots and images come and go but Smokey and his one clear message "Only you can prevent wildfires" has stood the test of time—75 years to be exact. Smokey, who has never given an interview, has appeared alongside Presidents and movie stars, including John F. Kennedy and Betty White. But most importantly Smokey has appeared with thousands and thousands of children throughout his illustrious career leaving them with a powerful understanding of what they can do to prevent wildfires. [Read More](#)



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