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### California Burning—Our History with Fire

On the first episode of California Burning, we explore the history of the U.S. Forestry Department, and how a series of unprecedented wildfires in the early twentieth-century led to our current forest management policies that have made our forests ripe for the catastrophic wildfires we're seeing in the West today. Forest historians Steven Pyne and Char Miller tell the story. On this episode we also hear from Forest Historian James Lewis to learn about the rich history of the most effective advertising campaign in American History and how the effectiveness of that campaign led to a deep misunderstanding of fire ecology. [Listen to Podcast](#)

### In the News

#### Norway Maple: a Boon and Bane to Wisconsin Communities

It wasn't by chance that Norway maple made its way across the pond to our shores. It was, in fact, humble correspondence that invited it here. John Bartram, the American called the greatest botanist in the world by none other than Carl Linnaeus, sought out Norway maples in 1756 from a supplier in England. By 1762, seedlings were available for sale from Bartram's nursery in Pennsylvania and another in New Jersey. George Washington had Norway maple planted on his property and, like many things in which the towering figure participated, precedent was set. [Read More](#)

#### Specialty Paper Is A Growing Sector For Wisconsin Paper Industry

Wisconsin's paper industry has faced many challenges as mills close and people switch to digital. But there is one sector of the paper industry that is growing: specialty paper. [Read More](#)

#### Red Branches on White Pine?

Large white pines with red wilting branch tips may be caused by a very tiny insect called white pine bast scale (*Matsucoccus macrocaticraces*). The branch mortality that follows may be caused by an insect/disease complex that is still relatively new to Wisconsin.

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#### Sixty Elk Released into Wisconsin

After the final and most successful winter trapping effort, 60 more elk joined Wisconsin's growing herd. The elk are now settling into their new home in northern Wisconsin after their release from the acclimation and quarantine pen. Forty-eight elk arrived at the holding pen this year in March, but numbers grew as pregnant cows gave birth this summer. The release of these 60 elk marks the fifth and final year of Wisconsin's elk translocation efforts and the second release of elk into the northern elk range in Sawyer County. Thirty-one elk were released here in 2017. [Read More](#)

#### DNR Reaffirms Commitment to Addressing Impacts of Climate Change on Wisconsin's Natural Resources During Climate Week

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reaffirmed its commitment to addressing the impacts of climate change on Wisconsin's natural resources in a memo to staff on Wednesday. In the memo, Secretary-designee Preston Cole outlined the department's role in addressing climate change and clean energy through adaptation and mitigation. [Read More](#)

#### Forest-killing Bark Beetles Also Might Help Ecosystem

Tiny bark beetles the size of a black bean have killed entire mountainsides of pine trees in the western U.S, but ecologists and forest managers disagree about whether they are a pest or a boon to wildlife ecosystems. Whether trees killed by the beetles spread wildfires quickly has been called into question by new studies. [Read More](#)

#### Mysterious Underground Fire Has Been Burning Near Yosemite for 5 Years

For at least five years, a fire has been burning underground in the Stanislaus Forest west of Yosemite, and foresters say they have no idea what started it or exactly how big it is. The blaze is smoldering near Rosasco Meadow, roughly seven miles west of Yosemite National Park and 12 miles southwest of the town of Twain Harte. It lies under terrain scorched by the massive Rim Fire in 2013.

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