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Char Miller on the Legacy of the Weeks Act

Char Miller, W.M. Keck Professor of Environmental Analysis at Pomona College and Senior Fellow at the Pinchot Institute for Conservation spoke about the legacy of the Weeks Act [Watch Video](#)

In the News

The Weeks Act

March 1, 2011, marked the centennial of the Weeks Act — the "organic act" of the eastern national forests. Signed into law by President William Howard Taft, the Weeks Act permitted the federal government to purchase private land in order to protect the headwaters of rivers and watersheds in the eastern United States and called for fire protection efforts through federal, state, and private cooperation. It has been one of the most successful pieces of conservation legislation in U.S. history. [Read More](#)

The History of Cooperative Forest Fire Control and the Weeks Act

Most people familiar with the Weeks Act associate it with the establishment of national forests in the eastern United States. However, the Weeks Act did more for eastern forest conservation than fund the purchase of private forestlands by the federal government. The Weeks Act initiated the practice of cooperation among federal, state, and private landowners that is the foundation of cooperative fire control and protection today. [Read More](#)

Fighting Invasives Together Through Responsible Firewood Practices

This time of year, many Wisconsinites warm up with firewood, whether that's in a wood stove for the home or a bonfire with family and friends. While firewood is one of the most sustainable heat sources available, the forests that produce it are threatened when firewood infested by invasive species is moved long distances. Fortunately, we can reduce this threat together through responsible use, movement and sale of firewood and wood products. [Read More](#)

'You Are Stardust:' A Mother's Lesson From Rib Mountain

I want my three-year-old son to climb a mountain, not so easy in Wisconsin. Long ago, mountains as high as the Rockies covered the area which is now our state. But today, I'll have to settle for 1,942-foot Rib Mountain, really a monadnock, a hill of bedrock that stands high above the surrounding land. [Read More](#)

First Forester: The Enduring Conservation Legacy of Gifford Pinchot

Gifford Pinchot, the first U.S. forest chief and founder of the Yale Forest School, doesn't get enough credit, says historian Char Miller. In the early 20th century, Miller says, Pinchot helped shape our modern understanding of conservation, environmental education, and the very notion of "public lands." [Read More](#)

In the Long Run: Conservation and the Social Compact

During his frenetic, and ultimately unsuccessful, 1925 primary campaign for the US Senate in Pennsylvania, Gifford Pinchot paused to reflect what it meant to plant trees. [Read More](#)

The Wilderness Hall of Fame: 13 Presidents Who Were Conservation Leaders

Now more than ever, strong political leadership is critical. One of the clearest exercises of such leadership is the Antiquities Act—a law authorizing presidents to protect special places as national monuments if Congress won't. Our nation's history is full of great presidents who used it and other tools at their disposal in the name of conservation. [Read More](#)

Who Was America's Greenest, Most Environmental President Ever?

Who was the greenest, most environmental President so far? You'll be probably surprised to learn it's Richard Nixon. Yes, that Richard Nixon, also America's most disgraced President. This Republican's record on the environment is not only second to none, it's had a profound and lasting effect. [Read More](#)



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<https://foresthistory.org/research-explore/us-forest-service-history/policy-and-law/the-weeks-act/>

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