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Celebrating Wisconsin's Forest Products

Discover products made from forests in Wisconsin and the importance of markets to sustainable forestry. Logan Wells, a DNR Forest Product Services Specialist, will discuss global marketplace impacts and other changes impacting the industry, how Wisconsin producers are adapting to change, and share information about innovative products on the horizon. Forest Products Week is the third week of October, so make a plan to showcase to students how vital forest products are to Wisconsin. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

New Chief State Forester Named

Wisconsin DNR Secretary Preston Cole announced that the department's new Chief State Forester will be Heather Berklund, effective October 12. Heather brings years of on-the-ground Wisconsin forest management and fire control experience to her new position. She began her forestry career with the Wisconsin DNR in 2000, serving as a field forester in Merrill, Crandon and Mercer for more than a decade before becoming the Ashland-Iron team leader and then the Woodruff area leader in 2016. In her role as the Deputy Division Administrator of Field Operations for the past three years, Heather led the public and private lands programs, Good Neighbor Authority partnership coordination, forest certification, tax law, and fire protection programs. [Read More](#)

Celebrate Wisconsin's Working Forests During Forest Products Week

Gov. Tony Evers has proclaimed the third week in October (Oct. 18-24, 2020) as Forest Products Week. The week recognizes the people who work in and care for our forests, the businesses that create forest products and the many ways forest products contribute to our lives. [Read More](#)

Kids' Questions Get to the Heart of the Forest Products Industry

During National Forest Products Week, American Forest & Paper Association explains how the forest products industry is Essential, Recyclable, Sustainable, Innovative and Responsible. What does a forester do? Do you use all parts of the tree? Are paper products recyclable? [Read More](#)

An Iconic Wisconsin Landmark Rises Again and Takes Flight: The Eagle Tower Project

If you live in Wisconsin, chances are that you at least know of Eagle Tower. More likely, you—along with thousands of visitors from around the world—have had indelible experiences of taking in spectacular views of Lake Michigan, the surrounding islands, and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Eagle tower offered a captivating and much beloved panorama of Peninsula State Park. [Read More](#)

Logging and the Railroad

Logging and the railroad are two important aspects in the history of the Northwoods, including Langlade County. Both aspects come together in the history of the network of logging railroads of the region. Up to the 1880s white pine timber stands close to rivers were harvested and shipped along waterways to mills. But as logging operations moved further away from navigable waterways and hardwood trees (which don't float) were being harvested the railroad gained in importance. This connection between railroads and logging is best exemplified locally in the story of the Crocker Chair Company. [Read More](#) (see page 4)

Listening to What Trees Have to Say

Valerie Trouet holds in her hands the key to world history. It is actually not a key, but a drill. With it, Trouet and her fellow dendrochronologists take samples from old trees and get them to talk about the past. In her book *Tree Story: The History of the World Written in Rings*, Trouet shows how that drill offers insights into complex and related (hi-)stories which connect local and global climates through the information stored in the cells of tree rings. [Read More](#)

Our Day of Green Fire on the Aldo Leopold Floodplain

"Our ability to perceive quality in nature begins as in art with the pretty. It expands through successive stages of the beautiful to values yet uncaptured by language." —Aldo Leopold I have spent many hours in the Wisconsin River floodplain here at the Aldo Leopold Foundation (ALF) and "pretty" might not be the most accurate adjective that I would have attached to those experiences. Have I transcended to the higher level that Leopold is referencing above in his *Marshland Elegy*? No, I haven't. My view is due simply to the lack of quality in our floodplain. But it's getting better, and our recent prescribed burn added powerful momentum toward "pretty" in the Leopoldian sense [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.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_XYpWjTeKnU&feature=youtu.be

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<https://forestrynews.blogs.govdelivery.com/2020/10/13/new-chief-state-forester-named/#more-5916>

Celebrate Wisconsin's Working Forests During Forest Products Week

<https://www.midwestfarmreport.com/2020/10/17/celebrate-wisconsins-working-forests-during-forest-products-week/>

Kids' Questions Get to the Heart of the Forest Products Industry

<https://www.afandpa.org/media/blog/bloga/2020/10/19/questions-get-to-the-heart-of-the-forest-products-industry>

An Iconic Wisconsin Landmark Rises Again and Takes Flight: The Eagle Tower Project

<https://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/labnotes/?p=27631>

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http://www.langladehistory.com/Newsletters/Winter_2020.pdf

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https://edgeeffects.net/tree-story/?fbclid=IwAR2UA-OQCJcUkMhZVRVy4zXaX1rtET3Qr_ovtVyz7eD98y5lg0kS42ptHGA

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<https://www.aldoleopold.org/post/our-day-of-green-fire-on-the-aldo-leopold-floodplain/>