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A Nation-Wide System of Parks – 1939

In 1933, the chief concern of the American government was to break the back of a bad depression. Among the conditions to be remedied were two President Roosevelt recognized at once: employment for hundreds of thousands of young men and war veterans was imperative; havoc wrought by soil erosion had long since shown the necessity of the immediate restoration, conservation, and further development of the country's natural resources. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Harold E. Smith's Forest Service Christmas Story

As we approach the holiday season in the Forest Service during this unprecedented time, history shows us that our curtailed holiday activities during a difficult time are not really that unprecedented after all. In fact, there are reminders of how we can persevere and find greater meaning in the season. This story of a Forest Service Ranger and his wife during the Christmas of 1917 certainly resonates with our shared experience this year. [Read More](#)

7 Ways to Dispose of an Old Christmas Tree

If you purchased a real Christmas tree this holiday season, then you'll have to figure out what to do with it eventually. Your town may have curbside pickup, but if not, you'll have to get creative with how to make that tree disappear. Assuming your tree is free from sprays, paint, and tinsel, here are some suggestions. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin's First Female Chief Forester Wants to Make the Division More Diverse

Wisconsin's new chief state forester doesn't look like the ax-toting Paul Bunyan lumberjack type.

But Heather Berklund hopes to change that stereotype as the new head of the Department of Natural Resources' Forestry division, the first woman to lead the division in its 116-year history. [Read More](#)

Good News for Endangered Species in a Challenging Year

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) continues to make strides supporting endangered species in 2020. This includes helping threatened turtles, aiding promising field trials for vaccines to save bats from white-nose syndrome and restoring a globally rare bedrock glade in the Baraboo Hills. Reports of endangered bumble bee sightings in 2020 reached record numbers, matching an upward trend of people turning to nature. [Read More](#)

Winter Brings Bounty of Boreal Birds to Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – With more people spending time at home, birdwatching has become a welcome respite during the pandemic.

Heading into 2021, birds continue to brighten the Wisconsin landscape, including some in numbers not seen in years.

Pine siskins, evening grosbeaks and other "winter finches" have descended out of the Canadian boreal forest into the eastern United States, providing birdwatchers welcome excitement that promises to take some of the chill out of this winter season. [Read More](#)

Forest Products Laboratory Researcher Featured on National Public Radio

Forest Products Laboratory's (FPL) Brian Brashaw was featured in an National Public Radio (NPR) segment about the soon-to-be world's tallest timber building currently under construction in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Ascent building will boast 25 stories, 18 of which will be framed in mass timber. [Read More](#)

Bears, Wolves, Fishers and a Cougar: Wisconsin Wildlife in 50 Million Photos

A white buck, a black wolf, a golden eagle. Moose, fishers, badgers, and — finally — a cougar. These are some of the millions of animals captured and catalogued over the past four years by a network of trail cameras throughout Wisconsin. Launched in 2016, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has collected more than 50 million photos through Snapshot Wisconsin, a citizen-science initiative to catalog wildlife. [Read More](#)



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With this issue of Woodchips, we will start listing the full URL to each hyperlink on a second page. If needed, the URL can be copied and pasted into your web browser address bar (also known as location bar or URL bar).

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4s8dvZtE2A>

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<https://foresthistory.org/harold-e-smith-forest-service-christmas-story/>

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https://www.treehugger.com/ways-dispose-your-old-christmas-tree-4850739?utm_campaign=treehugger&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cn_nl&utm_content=22516472&utm_term=

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https://www.jsonline.com/story/travel/wisconsin/outdoors/2020/12/17/wisconsin-first-female-chief-forester-heather-berklund-wants-more-diverse-division-natural-resources/3881008001/?sf134513691=1&fbclid=IwAR3wGk02yDUrSEsViu8D_jMZh8aeCnWaG5ckYCrDqTiKkPdEHI5VGCC0dJo

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<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom/release/40291>

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<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom/release/40301>

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<https://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/labnotes/?p=27699&source=FPLleftnaventrypoint>

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https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/environment/bears-wolves-fishers-and-a-cougar-wisconsin-wildlife-in-50-million-photos/article_7e5081cf-5fdd-599d-9431-68c600860a27.html