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### Ghost Forests

Head into the high country of the Rocky Mountains to examine the imperiled whitebark pine and meet the people determined to save it. As a keystone species, the stately five-needle pine provides shelter to dozens of high mountain creatures while its nutritious cones are packed with protein-rich seeds – a major food source for grizzly bears. A clever bird, the Clark's nutcracker, depends upon the seeds, too, and the whitebark pine relies on the bird to distribute its seeds. But native mountain pine beetle and an exotic disease called white pine blister rust are killing the tree at alarming rates. Forest managers face an uphill battle to restore it before it's too late. Meet tree climbers collecting cones in Canada's national parks and a University of Montana scientist whose promising discovery could help harness genetic resistance to save the tree. Learn why they think the whitebark pine is worth the incredible efforts to save it. [Watch Video](#)

### In the News

#### Wisconsin DOT Issues Funds to Support County Forest Roads

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation recently distributed funds to improve public roads that run through county forests. Some \$320,600 will support 900 miles of public roads throughout 24 counties. The funding was administered by WisDOT through the County Forest Road Aids program, which covers costs for the improvement and maintenance of roads that traverse county forests. These roads are important for timber hauling operations, according to a WisDOT spokesperson. [Read More](#)

#### New Green Bay Packaging Paper Mill Starts Production

After breaking ground two and a half years ago, Green Bay Packaging produced the first reel of paper at its new paper mill. According to officials, the construction of the new Green Bay Mill will preserve more than 1,100 Green Bay Packaging jobs across Brown County and over 1,500 jobs in Wisconsin. [Read More](#)

#### Enduring Tree Heightens Awareness to Plant Oaks

In the last half of the 17th century, an acorn sprouted and stood its ground among the ponds and glacial hills of what is known today as the Kettle Moraine State Forest. Century after century, the slow-growing oak with a deep root system survived contrary winds, lightning and the ax. John Zinzow came upon the old matriarch of the woods while hiking and running along the Nordic Trail in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine a decade ago. [Read More](#)

#### Wildfire Season Comes with Spring

Drought has come to a large part of North America. Northern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan are all abnormally dry, with many locales having only a fraction of normal snowfall through the winter. Flooding this spring is predicted to be minimal, which is good news. But fire danger due to dry conditions could become a problem. [Read More](#)

#### Nelson Family: Carrie Lee Nelson Dies at 98

Carrie Lee Nelson, widow of U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-WI), died Monday, March 15, at her home in Kensington, MD of congestive pulmonary disease. She was 98. [Read More](#)

#### Are Black Bears Dangerous?

Although fatal black bear attacks are generally rare, especially when compared to other bear species, they are still wild animals and can be extremely dangerous. Many researchers believe that the apparent increase in reported bear attacks is directly related to an increase in outdoor recreation, human populations, and development. [Read More](#)

#### 'Ghost Forests' May Become More Common as Sea Levels Rise

Along the mid-Atlantic and southern New England coast, an eerie sight dots the changing landscape. Rising sea levels turn thriving green vistas of hardwood and evergreen trees into "ghost forests," dried-up terrains filled with gnarled, dead, and dying timber. Under climate change, these could become an even more common sight, according to a new report published by Rutgers University. [Read More](#)



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### Links shared in this issue of Woodchips

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<https://www.montanapbs.org/programs/ghost-forests/>

#### **Wisconsin DOT Issues Funds to Support County Forest Roads**

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#### **New Green Bay Packaging Paper Mill Starts Production**

[https://www.wearegreenbay.com/news/local-news/new-green-bay-packaging-paper-mill-starts-production/?fbclid=IwAR0YH34kPOSrd9LqR\\_Xvbe6XRf\\_45-9bnB5V8uPVB7jl4oxiMfoXMEPV9ZI](https://www.wearegreenbay.com/news/local-news/new-green-bay-packaging-paper-mill-starts-production/?fbclid=IwAR0YH34kPOSrd9LqR_Xvbe6XRf_45-9bnB5V8uPVB7jl4oxiMfoXMEPV9ZI)

#### **Enduring Tree Heightens Awareness to Plant Oaks**

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<https://www.wispolitics.com/2021/nelson-family-carrie-lee-nelson-dies-at-98/>

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[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/ghost-forests-expand-their-reach-sea-levels-continue-rise-180977277/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20210319-daily-](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/ghost-forests-expand-their-reach-sea-levels-continue-rise-180977277/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20210319-daily-)