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### Climate-Critical Lands Briefing; Identifying Priorities and Potential

Climate change continues to be one of the most serious social, economic, and environmental challenges of our time. This is true globally, nationally, and in Wisconsin. Here at the Wisconsin Academy, our ongoing pursuit of innovative, Wisconsin-focused climate and clean energy solutions leads us to the promise and potential of natural climate solutions and a special interest in climate-critical lands. [Watch Video](#)

### In the News

#### Governor Vetoes Mill Bill

On July 8, Governor Tony Evers vetoed Assembly Bill No. 367, which was designed to provide assistance in restarting the Wisconsin Rapids Verso mill. The bill, authored by Sen. Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) and Rep. Scott Krug (town of Rome), passed in the state Senate on June 30, after passing the Assembly on June 22. The bill would have allowed for the use of federal pandemic stimulus/relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 to create a loan to aid in the mill's purchase. [Read More](#)

#### Rare Green Violet Rediscovered in Wisconsin

A conservation biologist with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) located what the department is calling "the holy grail" of rare plants in Wisconsin. Green violets (*Hybanthus concolor*), which were thought to have disappeared from the state, were found growing by the hundreds in a west central state natural area. [Read More](#)

#### Alliant Energy Announces Plans To Plant 1M Trees, Progress Toward Clean Energy Vision

Madison-based Alliant Energy announced it will plant 1 million trees across Wisconsin and Iowa as part of efforts to promote sustainability and transition to clean energy. The utility would be the state's first corporate partner to help Wisconsin fulfill its pledge of planting millions of trees in the next decade. [Read More](#)

#### Shrine Escaped Devastation of Peshtigo Fire

This fall, images of fiery leaves will pair with memories of the Peshtigo Fire. It was on Oct. 8, 1871, 150 years ago, when a storm system that fueled the Great Chicago Fire also spawned the Peshtigo Fire. This series of blazes, firestorms and fire tornadoes destroyed 2,400 square miles — roughly the size of the state of Delaware — and killed 1,500 to 2,500 people. And the fires also figure in the history of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. [Read More](#)

#### Weyerhaeuser CEO Devin Stockfish on the Housing Boom, Inflation and Monetizing Forests in the Battle Against Climate Change

Weyerhaeuser, which began operations in 1900, is one of the world's largest private owners of timberlands, controlling 11 million acres in the U.S. and millions more under long-term lease in Canada. Lumber is one of the most in-demand commodities in the country this summer, as the strongest housing market in more than a decade has caused the price of lumber to soar, peaking in May. Although lumber prices have fallen recently, experts expect prices to remain high relative to historic levels. [Read More](#)

#### Why an Invasive Caterpillar is Munching its Way Through Tree Leaves, in the Largest Outbreak in Decades

The past several weeks have seen a voracious moth caterpillar eat its way through tree leaves across southern Ontario and Québec, and from Michigan to Vermont. Since the 1980s, *Lymantria dispar* has led to enormous outbreaks, often lasting multiple years. The caterpillar has caused a great deal of damage, totalling more than 17,000 square kilometres across Canada. Efforts to manage the insect have cost billions of dollars in both Canada and the United States. [Read More](#)

#### Missoula Exhibit Shows Innovation in Forest Service Communications

MISSOULA — Nowadays, you can depend on satellites and sophisticated communications systems to manage wildfire, or just run a National Forest. That's a lot different than decades ago but it doesn't mean there wasn't innovation -- and it happened right here in Montana. The Fire Call One exhibit at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula first opened last summer. But with the pandemic, very few people have actually seen this fascinating time tunnel into the early days of the Forest Service in Montana. [Read More](#)



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### Links shared in this issue of Woodchips

#### **Climate-Critical Lands Briefing; Identifying Priorities and Potential**

<https://www.wisconsinacademy.org/video/climate-critical-lands-briefing>

#### **Governor Vetoes Mill Bill**

<https://wrcitytimes.com/2021/07/12/governor-vetoes-mill-bill/>

#### **Rare Green Violet Rediscovered in Wisconsin**

<https://wisconsinexaminer.com/brief/rare-green-violet-re-discovered-in-wisconsin/>

#### **Alliant Energy Announces Plans To Plant 1M Trees, Progress Toward Clean Energy Vision**

[https://www.wpr.org/alliant-energy-announces-plans-plant-1m-trees-progress-toward-clean-energy-vision?fbclid=IwAR2bG2KsF21L\\_8hA8TGBISVdYm\\_fUfJNcWUbgX5LOMy5nqJq8ImWYXRpvmU](https://www.wpr.org/alliant-energy-announces-plans-plant-1m-trees-progress-toward-clean-energy-vision?fbclid=IwAR2bG2KsF21L_8hA8TGBISVdYm_fUfJNcWUbgX5LOMy5nqJq8ImWYXRpvmU)

#### **Shrine Escaped Devastation of Peshtigo Fire**

<https://www.thecompassnews.org/2021/04/shrine-escaped-devastation-of-peshtigo-fire-2/>

#### **Weyerhaeuser CEO Devin Stockfish on the Housing Boom, Inflation and Monetizing Forests in the Battle Against Climate Change**

[https://time.com/6074527/weyerhaeuser-devin-stockfish-housing-boom-inflation-climate-change/?fbclid=IwAR0\\_aViXKcCt2lt0G-qVcvjBW1ubV4f4rOzi9Qzp6he34nALFXvdIbDnGO](https://time.com/6074527/weyerhaeuser-devin-stockfish-housing-boom-inflation-climate-change/?fbclid=IwAR0_aViXKcCt2lt0G-qVcvjBW1ubV4f4rOzi9Qzp6he34nALFXvdIbDnGO)

#### **Why an Invasive Caterpillar is Munching its Way Through Tree Leaves, in the Largest Outbreak in Decades**

<https://theconversation.com/why-an-invasive-caterpillar-is-munching-its-way-through-tree-leaves-in-the-largest-outbreak-in-decades-163346>

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<https://www.kpax.com/news/western-montana-news/missoula-exhibit-shows-innovation-in-forest-service-communications>