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The Great Peshtigo Fire

Scott Knickelbine, author of “The Great Peshtigo Fire: Stories and Science from America’s Deadliest Fire”, shares the history and relevance of the Great Peshtigo fire. The forestry and agriculture in Peshtigo, together with unusual environmental factors in 1817, come together to create this Wisconsin disaster. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Wisconsin National Sent to California and Washington to Assist with Wildfires

Three Wisconsin National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and 23 soldiers will assist California and Washington as those states battle wildfires raging across their states. The aircraft, along with crews and maintenance personnel from soldiers assigned to Guard aviation facilities in West Bend and Madison, are supporting California and Washington through an Emergency Management Assistance Compact – or EMAC – request from each state.. [Read More](#)

The New Age of Wildfire Firestorms

“The Peshtigo Paradigm” is the right combination of wind, topography and ignition sources that are needed to create a firestorm – literally, a storm made of fire. This was the name given by Allied forces during World War II as they sought to recreate urban firestorms during bombing campaigns in Germany and Japan. The fire conditions that they sought to recreate were the same as those that caused the deadliest wildfire in history – the Great Peshtigo, WI firestorm that had occurred 75 years prior. [Read More](#)

Wildfires Prompt Closures in Boundary Waters and Isle Royale, DNR Employees Deployed to Help Fight Blaze

Wildfires in Minnesota and Michigan have prompted closures in two popular outdoor recreation destinations, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Isle Royale National Park. [Read More](#)

LCO Tribe Passes Resolution Opposing Commercial Sale of Lake Superior Water

On August 2, the LCO Tribal Governing Board (TGB) unanimously passed a resolution opposing the Kristle Majchrzak request to Bayfield County for a conditional use permit to tap into and sell water from one of the area’s many artesian wells. The Tribal Resolution further opposes any commercial sale of Lake Superior water in accordance with applicable treaties and the Great Lakes Compact. [Read More](#)

Who Was John Muir, Really?

The environmental community is engaged in a deeply important conversation about equity. It holds great promise for a more inclusive, diverse, and powerful movement — one that is progressing toward an equitable future while confronting some of the troubling aspects of its history. As long time environmental leaders, we have gotten together to write about Sierra Club founder John Muir, who hasn’t been immune to present-day scrutiny. Muir’s story is complicated. Like many of us, he had his blind spots and prejudices, particularly in his early writings. But also, like many of us, he increased his knowledge and understanding of people different than him as he gained more exposure and experience. In all, he kickstarted a new era of environmentalism, fueled by ideals that are still relevant as we continue to face a series of ecological crises. [Read More](#)

Batteries Made from Trees Could Help Transform the Future of Electric Travel

A material found in the wood of our plants is being trialled as a way to produce sustainable battery power. Finnish designers Stora Enso have built a new production facility costing €10 million that will create renewable bio-based carbon by turning trees into batteries. This will be achieved by the use of a wood-based material called lignin. [Read More](#)

Why King Khufu’s Solar Boat Is on the Move After 4,600 Years

Last weekend, a 4,600-year-old ship once owned by the pharaoh Khufu traveled from its longtime home near the Pyramids of Giza to the Grand Egyptian Museum, a state-of-the-art venue slated to open outside of Cairo in late 2021. [Read More](#)



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