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Bet you didn't know that harvesting, burning and scarification can actually be good for forests and help them grow! Forest management is an important part of keeping forests healthy and making sure the environment is suitable for wildlife as well. Foresters also play a large role in protecting the native plant species, like the aspen in northern Wisconsin for example. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Nature Conservancy and Wisconsin DNR Acquisition Adds 301 Acres to Devil's Lake State Park

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) announced today that it has closed on the purchase of 80 acres of forested land adjacent to Devil's Lake State Park. Additionally, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) finalized the purchase of 221 acres from the same owner. Combined, the 301-acre property sits at the heart of a large expanse of protected land owned and managed by TNC, the Ho-Chunk Nation, and the DNR. [Read More](#)

150th Anniversary of Nation's Deadliest Fire in 2021

Fires in America's West have been in the news. Dramatic footage of homes reduced to ash heaps and vacant-eyed, stunned survivors fill our media. The degree of devastation has been great. Even so, this nation's deadliest blaze occurred right here in Wisconsin 149 years ago. The Peshtigo Fire, which happened on the exact same day as the Chicago Fire, October 8, 1871, claimed at least 1,200 lives. Some historians believe the loss of life in Wisconsin totaled as many as 2,500. [Read More](#)

Study Shows How Aspen Forests Maintain the Diversity Needed to Adapt to Changing Environments

Watching paint dry has nothing on watching a forest grow. That achingly long wait has always made it challenging to study how forests adapt to environmental fluctuations — making it that much harder to predict how they'll fare in a changing climate or under new pest pressures. [Read More](#)

Wild Harvest, In Northern Minnesota, the Ojibwe People are Keeping a Vital Tradition Alive Even in the Face of Growing Challenges.

Ten-year-old Wesley Neeland leaned hard on a cedar pole, pushing his father's canoe through the shallow lake's recently ripened stands of rice. His dad sat below him, using a pair of wooden sticks to gently guide the rice stalks into the canoe and knock the grains off. As the rice fell into the aluminum boat, it sounded like sleet on a tin roof. [Read More](#)

United States of Wildfire

There's a forgotten history that should serve as a warning — wildfire isn't unique to the West. Now the warming climate is increasing the risk of major wildfires across America. And more people are moving to fire-prone areas without realizing the danger. [Read More](#) (need to scroll manually)

General Sherman, Giant Forest Survive KNP Complex Fire; Prescribed Burns Credited in Success

A history of prescribed fire and controlled burning in Sequoia National Park is paying off as an army of firefighters defend the world's largest tree, General Sherman, and thousands of other giant sequoias from the raging KNP Complex. "Protecting communities and life is our No. 1 priority, and saving the giant sequoia trees is our No. 2 priority," said Clay Jordan, superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks. "They're virtually irreplaceable. People come from all over the world to see these trees." [Read More](#)

Where Does Your Family Travel to Get Closer to Nature?

"Every tree tells a story," Cathy Newman writes in one of my favorite essays in National Geographic. Conversely, I suspect everybody has a story about a tree. A 19th-century logging camp story about a lumberjack named Paul Bunyan and his faithful blue ox, Babe, has become so popular that now you can find photo ops with them everywhere, from Bemidji, Minnesota (pictured above), to downtown Bangor, Maine. [Read More](#)



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