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Hoisting Pulpwood, a Century of Hoisting Operations on Chequamegon Bay, 1872-1972

Part History and part memoir, in this presentation, Tom Stanley shares the story of Ashland's pulp hoists in the context of Wisconsin's long and colorful forest history. Why was pulpwood rafted, hoisted and sent elsewhere? Why Ashland? How did the hoist operate? Who were the workers? What were the dangers? Why did hoisting end in 1972? [Watch Video](#)

In the News

More to the Story – From Forgotten to the Doors of the Capitol of Democracy

A year ago, the Forest Products Laboratory staff received a unique request. That request came through a relationship built on cooperative research between the Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory (FPL). This connection resulted in an amazing story of a 3,000-lb stack of legacy mahogany and other vintage lumber of incalculable value being used in the restoration of many historical wood objects at the U.S. Capitol building. [Read More](#)

Prune Oak Trees In Winter To Help Prevent Oak Wilt

Start the year off by pruning your trees to protect them from harmful pests that emerge after the thaw. It is ideal to prune trees in the winter since branch damage or weak branch structure is more visible and because pests that cause harmful tree diseases are inactive in cold temperatures. One such disease is oak wilt, a fatal disease that spreads through tiny sap-feeding beetles attracted to open wounds on trees. [Read More](#)

Chicago and the Great Lakes Lumber Trade

As the great timber stands in the East were exhausted and settlers moved west new sources of pine and other woods were needed. The dense forests and extensive waterways of the Great Lakes, especially Michigan and Wisconsin, became the source for the lumber needed to build the barns, fences, homes and businesses of the settlers. Chicago was perfectly situated on Lake Michigan to receive and distribute lumber by water and railroad links. [Read More](#)

Great Lakes Shipbuilding In Saginaw Bay During The Lumber Era

The times of the greatest Great Lakes shipbuilding in the Great Lakes region was during the lumbering era. From 1839 until the early 1890s, the virgin old-growth Michigan forests were cut down to produce lumber for growing towns and cities in the lower Great Lakes. Michigan was the nation's leading lumber producer from 1869 until about 1900. The only way to transport finished milled lumber from the shoreside mills in the Great Lakes was by ship. [Read More](#)

Black Dan & Dynamite

I first worked in the pulpwood industry as a student in northwestern Ontario in 1957, at St Lawrence Corp. (later Domtar), which was originally Brompton Paper. At that time, the companies in the Port Arthur area (now Thunder Bay) were still moving logs by river transportation to lakes and thence across Lake Superior to mills. [Read More](#)

Walk Among Minnesota's Oldest and Largest Pines in this Ancient Forest that Survived by Mistake

Located in northern Minnesota, the Lost 40 has preserved white and red pines that are more than 250 years old. A surveying error in 1882 saved these trees from loggers and the 144 acres are now co-managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Forest Service. [Read More](#)

Lost Forty / Chippewa National Forest / Minnesota / Full Hiking Trail

This is the Lost Forty hiking trail in the Chippewa National Forest in northern Minnesota. This was an area that was supposed to be logged but due to a survey error in the late 1800's it was missed. It is located in a remote part of the state and doesn't get many visitors. However, it's a pretty impressive sight as some of those old pines take three people to get their arms around them. [Watch Video](#)

Lumber Is Soaring Again Thanks to Supply Snags From Canadian Floods

Lumber prices are soaring to levels not seen in seven months as the lingering effects of flooding in Western Canada disrupt supplies and shipments. [Read More](#)



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