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A Logger's Life Before Confederation

Logging in pre-Confederation Newfoundland and Labrador relied on the muscle and endurance of its workers. From sunrise until sunset, the men chopped down trees, hauled logs, and helped to bring the wood to the mill site. Learn about the working life of a pre-Confederation logger in this video. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Wisconsin's Oldest Intact Vessel Receives 3-D Scan

The Journal Times reports that a dugout canoe discovered last fall in Wisconsin's Lake Mendota has been scanned with high-tech tools to aid in further study. Radiocarbon dating of a sample of wood from the canoe revealed that it is 1,200 years old, and was likely built by southern Wisconsin's Effigy Mound builders, the ancestors of today's Ho-Chunk Nation. Seven net sinkers recovered from the vessel indicate it was used for net fishing, a technique previously thought to have been limited to the Great Lakes. [Read More](#)

State Unveils \$19.5M in Grants to Bolster Workforce in Manufacturing, Forestry

Projects to provide training, bolster job skills and lower barriers to employment in a broad swath of northern Wisconsin will get \$19.5 million in support in a series of grants that Gov. Tony Evers announced Tuesday. The grants are the latest round in a series of programs that the state is funding from federal pandemic relief money that Wisconsin is receiving. They are part of a \$130 million commitment that the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. and the Department of Workforce Development is undertaking to address the chronic difficulty employers in the state have had hiring workers. [Read More](#)

High Fuel Prices Hit Local Loggers and Truckers Hard

Anyone who drives a vehicle has likely noticed the steep \$4.79 price tag on a gallon of gas. But those who operate large trucks and heavy machinery are impacted even more than others. Martin Sauer runs a trucking company out of Eagle River. In the past year, fuel went from being about 25 percent the cost of his operation to 50 percent. [Read More](#)

Rising Water Makes Lake Michigan Wetlands Vulnerable to Invaders

High water and ice scouring has shifted native wetlands inland and opened a door to invasive species along Wisconsin's Lake Michigan coast. A new study documents the first sighting of the invasive species, European frogbit, in Wisconsin and says that it could threaten native plants, fish and invertebrates. [Read More](#)

Federal Firefighters are Waiting for Pay Raises They Hope will Help Fill their Ranks

For over a decade, the U.S. Forest Service has faced retention and recruitment issues that have resulted in a depleted workforce while fire seasons worsen and the Biden administration is increasing pressure to reduce wildfire risks across the West. [Read More](#)

SAF Supports Pride Month

In coordination with our Diversity and Inclusion Policy, the Society of American Foresters (SAF) is committed to promoting an environment designed to embrace our differences in which all community members are welcomed and valued, creating diversity and inclusion in our leadership, membership, programs, and activities. SAF is making an intentional effort in 2022 to be more inclusive in the way we celebrate community members and connect with those who value forests and their benefits. [Read More](#)

Chile May Be Home to the World's Oldest Tree

Researchers estimate the massive cypress is likely at least 5,000 years old. A long, long time ago, when Stonehenge was a simple earthwork enclosure and the future site of the Egyptian pyramids was nothing but wind-swept desert, a conifer sheltered in a cool, damp ravine in the Andes Mountains of South America was slowly stretching toward the sky. Today, this ancient giant holds court in Chile's Alerce Costero National Park and, according to new estimates, may take the crown as the world's oldest tree. [Read More](#)



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