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You'll Never Guess What's Down There... in the Forest Soil!

Soils determine what trees will grow in a particular climate. They can be “rich” or “poor” and are accurate predictors of what forest types and tree species can be expected. Soils are living things, filled with organisms both microscopic and large, as well as various amounts of rocks, sand, silt, and clay. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

If You Love Forests, Thank the Forest Industry

ESCANABA — If you love forests, then you also need to love loggers, sawmills, papermills, and thousands of other companies that comprise the forest industry. What? Really? Yep. For too long, logging and the forest industry community have been unfairly regarded with disdain and mistrust. Certain elements of the environmental community have taken great pains to paint the industry with a long list of disagreeable labels. And, it just ain't so. [Read More](#)

Shaping The Future, Seizing The Moment

We are shaped by the influences people play in our lives. I have been blessed to be surrounded and inspired by leading women from my mother to my wife to my daughter, who is breaking barriers of her own as the first-ever female playing NCAA Football in a contact position. Having grown up as the son of the Head of Chatham Hall, a girls' boarding school located in Virginia, I was completely at home walking into the first-ever Women's Forest Congress. Over 500+ women converged on Minneapolis St. Paul in October this past year, discussing topics ranging from the practical to the inspirational. The energy was amazing! [Read More](#)

Women's Forest Congress Summary

I was in a room with 500 women forest stewards. What?! When did that happen, ever? It happened at the inaugural Women's Forest Congress this [past] October in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Congress was designed to inspire and empower women in the forest sector. This event was the culmination of years of work by women leaders in the field who felt that now was the time for a space dedicated to elevating the voices of women in the forestry profession. The Women's Forest Congress was unlike any conference I have ever been to. The focus was not on forestry knowledge, though this group could offer a wealth of that, but rather on building connections and community so that together, we might address the world's greatest forest challenges. [Read More](#)

The Happiest, Least Stressful, Most Meaningful Jobs in America

Envy the lumberjacks, for they perform the happiest, most meaningful work on earth. Or at least they think they do. Farmers, too. Agriculture, logging and forestry have the highest levels of self-reported happiness — and lowest levels of self-reported stress — of any major industry category, according to our analysis of thousands of time journals from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' American Time Use Survey. (Additional reporting sharpened our focus on lumberjacks and foresters, but almost everyone who works on farms or in forests stands out.) [Read More](#)

These are the top spring activities in Wisconsin

Spring is a magical season in Wisconsin when the snow melts, the flowers bloom, and the temperatures begin to rise. It's the perfect time to get out and enjoy all that this beautiful state has to offer. Here are five of the best springtime activities to enjoy in Wisconsin. [Read More](#)

New Ice Age Trail Segment Coming to Waukesha County After DNR Land Purchase

Hikers in Waukesha County soon will have an extra mile of Ice Age Trail to explore thanks to a land acquisition by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The 38-acre property in the town of Ottawa will provide an important link in the trail's Waterville segment, eliminating most of a dangerous road walk between DNR-owned land north of County Highway D and land the Ice Age Trail Alliance owns just south of the Glacial Drumlin State Trail. [Read More](#)

It Pays to Know Your Timber Valuation if You Own Land

There are approximately 142,000 acres of timberland in Pontotoc County. This resource is owned by around 2,400 individual forest landowners. This data indicates that an average landowner in Pontotoc County controls around 60 acres. Due to small ownership acreages, most landowners sell timber from their land very infrequently. This unfamiliarity with the timber selling process can lead to costly errors. [Read More](#)



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