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The Forest Products Laboratory (USA)

The Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) is the national research laboratory of the United States Forest Service. The focus of the Forest Products Laboratory is to apply their scientific research onto different kinds of wood utilization and to promote healthy forests and forest-based economies through the efficient, sustainable use of the Nation's wood resources. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

The Giving Forest

Menominee County, — Amid the sprawling farmlands of northeast Wisconsin, the Menominee forest feels like an elixir, and a marvel. Its trees press in, towering and close, softening the air, a dense emerald wilderness that's home to wolves, bears, otters, warblers and hawks, and that shows little hint of human hands. Yet over the last 160 years, much of this forest has been chopped down and regrown nearly three times. The Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, its stewards, have pulled nearly two hundred million cubic feet of timber from this land since 1854 — white pine cut into museum displays and hard maple made into basketball courts for the Olympics. [Read More](#)

Trillion Tree Pledge: More than 12.9 Million Trees Planted in Wisconsin Last Year

Ahead of Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) released an annual report regarding Wisconsin's progress on the Trillion Tree Pledge. On Earth Day 2021, Evers signed Executive Order #112, joining the global Trillion Tree Pledge and committing to plant 75 million new trees in rural and urban areas and conserve 125,000 acres of forest in Wisconsin by 2030 in collaboration with public, private and non-governmental partners. [Read More](#)

New Mural at UW-Stevens Point Aims to 'Make People Stop and Take Notice' of Indigenous Peoples Buried Under Campus

Stevens Point— Artist Christopher Sweet (Ho-Chunk) wanted his new mural at UW-Stevens Point to represent the four nations of people who had been unceremoniously buried and forgotten under that campus. His mural, "Awaken the Healing," was installed this spring on an outside wall of the university's communication arts center building and was blessed by a tribal ceremony and ghost feast last week. An official unveiling celebration will take place at 4:30 p.m. May 5. [Read More](#)

Legislature's Finance Committee Rejects Funding for Wisconsin's Largest Land Conservation Effort

Wisconsin's largest land conservation effort is \$4 million short after the Legislature's finance committee voted against using money from the state's land purchase program for the project on Tuesday. The move is a setback for the state's plans to set aside 70,000 acres east of Rhinelander for the Pelican River Forest in northern Wisconsin. The Department of Natural Resources must now come up with other funds if it hopes to match a \$10.8 million federal grant and keep the project alive. The agency has previously said it may need to seek a landowner donation or launch a fundraising campaign if stewardship funds were unavailable. [Read More](#)

'Our ancestors have lived on these lands for thousands of years,' Michigan Tribe Signs Tribal Forest Protection Act

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians last week signed a Tribal Forest Protection Act proposal with the Hiawatha National Forest. The proposal acts as a co-stewardship agreement and includes a \$364,000 investment from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support co-stewardship activities in managing the health of remnant boreal forest ecosystems in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, encompassing 4.7 million acres, which includes significant portions of the 879,000-acre Hiawatha National Forest. [Read More](#)

How Your Packaging Choices Directly Invest in Our Planet

Earth Day may only come once a year. Earth Week only lasts a week. But you can #InvestInOurPlanet for the remaining 364 days and 51 weeks by choosing sustainable packaging products that support a circular bio-economy, based on — yep — wood: a renewable, reusable, recyclable resource that keeps forests as forests. [Read More](#)

US Forests are Failing to Keep Up with Climate Change

When it comes to saving the planet from the ravages of climate change, protecting forests is a high priority for almost everyone. At the current rate of warming, though, forests may not be able to adapt fast enough to stay healthy, according to a study out Monday in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sci**How Your Packaging Choices Directly Invest in Our Planet**ences. That has adverse implications for everything from carbon storage to biodiversity. [Read More](#)



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