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Forests of the Great Lakes Region - Conservation to Recreation

DW host Andrea Boehlke embarks on a wooded adventure through Wisconsin's Northwoods (and beyond), where treasured logging history is rooted, sustainability is practiced, and an off-roading adventure is just beginning. Buckle up as Andrea hits the trails and travels back in time to Camp Five Logging Museum in Laona. Andrea then ventures south to Madison, home to Forest Products Laboratory. Here, Andrea dives into the world of forestry science, learning the uses and anatomies of trees, to name a few. From there, Andrea sets out to discover the more practical uses of wood, such as building tiny homes and places like Boulder Ridge Treehouse in Bayfield. From Boulder Ridge to barrels of whiskey in Cambridge, Andrea is off to Dancing Goat Distillery to get word on the flavorful combination of whiskey and wood. More awaits in Medford, where Bear Butt Carvings spark Andrea's creativity (and foodie cravings). After a barbeque stop at Smokey Woods, she is ready to head back north to see the Ruffed Grouse Society and visit the inspiring Trees for Tomorrow. [View Video](#)

In the News

Northern Lake State Pine Forests Face Turning Point

The red pine forests of Wisconsin—a cornerstone of the state's economy and ecology—are at a significant turning point as they reach peak harvest age. Nearly 100 years ago, the Civilian Conservation Corps planted many of these trees, and their harvest marks a natural rotation in forestry. However, the future of these forests now depends on the decisions of public and private landowners, who must navigate the challenges and opportunities of this important transition in the state's forest ecosystem.

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The Week of Remembrance (WOR) was established in 2014 based on the 7-day span between June 30th and July 6th—the respective dates of the Yarnell Hill and South Canyon Fire tragedies. For 2025, WOR renews the wildland fire community's commitment to this effort by adopting a new format that will be repeated annually. In a formal partnership between the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center and the 6 Minutes for Safety subcommittee, WOR will recognize fireline fatalities that occurred in the fire season 10 years prior. 2025 pays tribute to incidents from 2015 as follows: [Read More](#)

Northern Forests of the Future

Volunteers help identify, cultivate trees expected to thrive in warmer woodlands. When ice breaks loose and ground thaws along Lake Superior, Doug Kmoch eagerly visits the 200 acres of Cook County land he and his wife bought near Schroeder in early 2022. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin Forestry Report Calls for Strategic Overhaul

An annual report from a cross-section of leaders in the forest world that details the importance of forests to Wisconsin's economy and natural resources was published in early June. It incorporates a number of major proposals to gain greater focus for forests and the industry in ongoing state government budget debates. [Read More](#)

Protect Your Bats!

Wisconsin landowners who want to take steps to protect the wildlife on their property, should not forget about bats. As the only winged mammals, they play a crucial role in almost every ecosystem on the planet — including in our own state. "The eight species of bats that live in Wisconsin are insectivores, provide really important pest control," says DNR Conservation Biologist, Heather Kaarakka, "Because they have a wide range of diet, they help control not only human pests like mosquitos, but also agricultural pests and forest pests as well. They are good to have around!" [Read More](#)

Neutral Breaks Ground on Milwaukee 31-story Building—Which Could be the Tallest Mass Timber Tower in the World

Balancing mass scale with sustainability is vital when increasing urban density. As the use of mass timber is on the rise, construction is reaching new heights at The Edison—a luxury mass timber apartment complex by Wisconsin-based developer Neutral. At 31 stories tall, the new building will surpass the Ascent MKE, which is currently not only the tallest mass timber building in Milwaukee, but holds the world-record title, according to the USDA. [Read More](#)