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The Great Fire of 1871 in the Belgian Settlements of Northeast Wisconsin

Much has been written about the effect of fires on October 8, 1871 in the Peshtigo and Chicago areas. The impact of the fire in the Belgian settlements has been somewhat overshadowed by the fires in more populated areas. The Great Fire video explains the causes of the fire, the immediate impact on the Belgian settlers, and the transformation of the Belgian communities that occurred through rebuilding. [View Video](#)

In the News

Wisconsin Bill Aims to Create \$210 Incentive for Proposed SAF Project

Wisconsin state lawmakers on Sept. 22 announced the introduction of the Forestry Revitalization Act, a bill that aims to provide \$210 in incentives to attract the development of a proposed \$1.5 billion woody biomass-to-sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) project. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin officials hope to lure plant that would turn wood pulp into aircraft fuel

Wisconsin lawmakers are unveiling proposed tax incentives designed to bring a wood pulp plant to northern Wisconsin. If the project takes off, pulp from that facility would be used to make fuel for planes and other aircraft. Officials are eyeing a site for the wood pulp plant in Hayward, on a property that adjoins an existing LP Building Solutions manufacturing plant. [Read more](#)

Welcome to Forest Products Week 2025!

October 19-25, 2025. Wisconsin's forests cover nearly half our state and are a vital part of our collective history, culture, and economy. Likewise, the Forest Products industry provides valuable jobs and contributes significantly to the economy. Forest Products Week offers an opportunity to learn about sustainable forest practices and to develop an appreciation for the valuable resources that Wisconsin forests provide. [Read More](#)

Southern Wisconsin Woodland Stewards Urged to Check for Invasive Stiltgrass

If you've spent any time in woods overrun by invasive plants, you know how damaging they can be to the health of the forest. Recently, a new invasive plant, Japanese stiltgrass, was spotted in Rock County—and now is the time to search near you to prevent it from spreading in the region. Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*) is a non-native annual grass that poses a significant threat to Wisconsin's ecosystems. [Read More](#)

USDA Unveils Major Investments in Forest Resilience, Wildfire Preparedness, and Agricultural Disaster Relief

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a series of initiatives last week aimed at bolstering wildfire prevention, improving forest health, expanding domestic timber production, and supporting farmers recovering from natural disasters. The actions represent significant investments in land stewardship, rural economies, and agricultural resilience. [Read More](#)

Golden Oyster Mushroom Invasion Threatens Michigan Forest Biodiversity

Bright Yellow Fungus From Home Grow Kits Now a Forest Menace. What started as a culinary trend is now a growing environmental concern in Michigan. Golden oyster mushrooms (*Pleurotus citrinopileatus*), a species native to Asia and Eastern Russia, are establishing themselves in Michigan's forests, raising alarms about their invasive potential and the threat they pose to native fungal ecosystems. [Read More](#)

UW Research: Public Favors More Wildfire Prevention

As wildfires continue to grow in frequency and severity in Wyoming and the West, researchers at the University of Wyoming are exploring levels of public support for federal policy changes to place more emphasis on fire prevention. With funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF), Todd Cherry, the John S. Bugas Chair and professor of economics in UW's College of Business, and colleagues Bryan Leonard and Jacob Hochard in the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources have conducted two national surveys regarding federal wildfire policy. [Read More](#)