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### Long Live the Tower

A tourist explores beautiful northwestern Wisconsin in autumn and learns about the history and importance of fire towers in Wisconsin, while sleeping at the historic Gordon Fire Tower. [Watch here](#)

## In the News

### How Fire Management in Wisconsin Has Changed Over Time

This visually compelling GIS storymap explores the history of fire management in the state, from the 1880's to today. [Read More](#) Follow this up with a look at the USFS's plans for prescribed burns within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest this spring. [Read More](#)

### Walter Ware Pines of Waushara County

As we plan celebrations of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, read about (or even visit!) a stand of pine trees that was planted between 1867 and 1876 to commemorate our first centennial. These White and Norway pines tell an early Wisconsin conservation story. [Read More](#)

### Sustainable Wood-Based Aviation Fuel to be Manufactured in Hayward

With the Forest Revitalization Act now signed into law, plans are progressing for a new refinery in Hayward that will convert wood biomass into aviation fuel. The Forest Revitalization Act approved \$120 million in tax credits for the \$1.7 billion project, which will become fully operational by 2030. At least 80% of the wood products used in the refinery will come from Wisconsin, with the rest expected to come from Minnesota. Most of the finished fuel will ship through the Twin Ports to the European Union. [Read More](#)

### Women Make Inroads in Timber Sports

Modern timber sports, a recreation built around honoring the work done by lumberjacks in the historic logging period, has seen a steady increase in women competitors. At last summer's Lumberjack World Championship in Hayward, nearly half of the participants were women. Popular events for women include single-hand crosscut sawing, underhand chop, and of course log rolling. [Read More](#)

### Trillion Trees Pledge Update: Halfway to the Goal

On Earth Day, Governor Tony Evers announced that Wisconsin is over halfway to achieving the goal of planting 100 million new trees by the end of 2030, our state's contribution to the worldwide Trillion Trees campaign. Last year, the fifth year of the pledge, saw 12 million trees planted in urban and rural areas across the state, in collaboration with public, private, and non-governmental partners. 4.5 million of those seedlings were supplied by the DNR, including 56,000 given through the Free Seedlings for Fourth Graders program. The Pledge also includes the preservation of 125,000 acres of forestland, 68% of which has been achieved since 2021. [Read More](#)

### Help American Elms Return to Wisconsin's Forests

In the last century, American elm trees were the most commonly planted street tree in U.S. cities. Large, stately elms often dominated the urban landscape, and the keystone species hosted more than 500 species of insects, pollinators, and herbivores. When Dutch elm disease arrived in the 1930s, tens of millions of these elms were lost within a few decades. Now, the DNR Division of Forestry and My Wisconsin Woods is hoping that a crowdsourcing project may help reestablish the American elm, and you can help. [Read More](#)

### Massive 2025 Ice Storm Will Affect Michigan Timber Harvests for Decades

Last year's spring ice storm put a halt on years of future logging contracts and reshaped forestry management plans across northern Michigan. The storm damaged 3 million acres of forests, mostly red pine and aspen, affecting 15% of Michigan's timberlands. [Read More](#)

### Working Forests Provide More Than Just Wood and Paper

Sustainably managed forests give us wood and paper, but also jobs, ecosystem services, and big climate change benefits. [Read More](#)