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New Film Spotlights Indigenous Forest Management in Wisconsin

A partnership between the Society of American Foresters, Menominee Tribal Enterprises and Discover Mediaworks, the new video *Forests of the First Stewards: Menominee Nation* looks at how the Menominee story is shaping education, communities, and the future of forestry. This video is part of a series that takes viewers on a journey from ancient traditions to modern-day stewardship. The series includes curriculum by Into the Outdoors and also links to additional resources from LEAF, Wisconsin's K-12 Forestry Education Program. You can find additional videos on the First Stewards theme on SAF's #forestproud channel on YouTube. [Watch Here](#)

In the News

Should States Control National Forests?

In this opinion piece by the organization More Than Just Parks, the author looks at steps that USFS Chief Tom Schultz is taking to shift management of national forest lands from the federal government to the states, and what this might mean for the future. [Read More](#)

Mass Timber Library for a Conservationist President

A stunning mass timber and rammed earth structure designed to blend in with the landscape became the world's first carbon-neutral presidential library when the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library opened to the public in North Dakota on July 4th. The sustainability features of the building are in honor of Roosevelt's lasting environmental legacy, including creation of the Bureau of Forestry. The ceremony opening the library included a land blessing from local tribes, Rough Rider reenactors, and comments by Roosevelt's great-great-grandson. [Read More](#)

Seeing Our County's History Through the Eyes of Grandpa Tree

Fourth generation maple syrup producer Jeremy Solin reflects on the changes that his family's sugarbush in northern Wisconsin has seen since the giant sugar maple they call Grandpa Tree was planted 250 years ago. [Read More](#)

The Knowledge Held in Tree Rings Connects Us to History

Studying tree rings can tell us much about the events and environmental conditions experienced by ancient civilizations. [Read More](#)

Looking at Tree Species Shifts

As climate change alters plant hardiness zones, research is being done throughout the state to assess which tree species will continue to be appropriate to plant in Wisconsin's urban forests and which are more vulnerable to predicted changes. [Read More](#)

Climate Smart Forestry On Display

DNR Forest Ecologist/Silviculturist Brad Hutnik discusses the climate-adaptive forestry measures that are being used at the Forest Exploration Center, a collaboratively managed demonstration forest in the heart of Milwaukee County. [Read More](#)

Forests Are a Verb

In this essay from Dovetail's *Living with Forests: Essays on Stewardship* series, a "late-successional forester" reframes forests as dynamic ecological systems shaped by disturbance, renewal, and time and explores stewardship through the lens of living processes. [Read More](#)

Traditional Wigwam Now Part of Northwoods Forest History Experience

Wayne Valliere, a canoe builder and Ojibwe language and culture teacher from the Lac du Flambeau Tribe, led the building of a traditional birch and maple summer lodge during recent hot and smoky weather in Manitowish Waters. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Public Hearing on Invasive Species Regulations

The DNR will hold a virtual public hearing on a permanent rule to revise invasive species regulations on August 5th at 5:00 pm on Microsoft Teams. Those who plan to make public comment are strongly encouraged to register beforehand. [Read More](#)

Learn About Your Land

UW Extension Forestry is hosting a series of in-person classes to help landowners get the most out of their woodlands. [Read More](#)