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History, Wildlife and Beauty at the Namekagon Barrens
Take a tour of this unique northern forest ecosystem and learn about its historic and modern human uses and management. ***Watch Here***

In the News

Nemekagon Barrens History Unveiled
The Nemekagon Barrons Wildlife Area in northern Burnett County has a new Wisconsin Historical Society marker commemorating the unique history of the barrens. The area served as an important hunting region for the Dakota and Ojibwe people due to its unique ecology, and was also an Indigenous transportation route connecting Lake Superior and the Mississippi River region. It was later used for wagon and stagecoach travel. Today, the unique forest type provides important habitat for unique and rare species. ***Read More***

A Forest Product Makes Baseball History
Following the Brewers historic World Series win, a piece of lumber will return full circle to Cooperstown. Rookie shortstop Cooper Pratt's bat was made by the Cooperstown Bat Company, and now it will return to Cooperstown to join other Brewers 2026 season memorabilia at the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Pratt had six consecutive hits in Games 4 and 5 with the now historic bat. ***Read More***

More Recognition for Bloedorn
Days after the Fixmer Award was bestowed by the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Rhinelander Mayor Kris Hanus issued a proclamation honoring historian Kerry Bloedorn for preserving and sharing the history of the Northwoods. ***Read More***

Recovery in the BWCA
Foresters and fire ecologists are studying the effects of this summer's fires in Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and are already seeing regeneration in this resilient forest ecosystem that has a rich history of historic fire. ***Read More***

New Dugout Discovery
A diver participating in an underwater trash cleanup in Waukesha County's Pewaukee Lake came upon a 17-foot previously unknown hand-carved canoe. Experts with the Wisconsin Historical Society believe the canoe to be about 1,000 years old and made of white oak. The Historical Society is consulting with Ho Chunk and Chippewa tribal historic preservation staff, and the canoe will remain submerged as per tribal wishes and for improved preservation. More canoes are expected to be found in the lake. ***Read More***

Wisconsin Conservation Legacy at Risk?
In this editorial, the Executive Director of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin argues that current state funding levels are not meeting the demands on Wisconsin's state parks, wildlife management, and conservation. ***Read More***

Senate Unanimously Passes Wildfire Emissions Prevention Act (WEPA)
The bipartisan legislation would streamline states' use of prescribed fires to prevent wildfire emissions, protect ecosystems and wildlife habitats. The legislation must now pass the House and get signed by the President. ***Read More***

Local Forest History Film Goes to New York
Forests of the First Stewards: Menominee Nation, a documentary produced in collaboration with SAF, Menominee Tribal Enterprises and Discover Mediaworks, was selected for the 30th Annual Urbanworld Film Festival in New York City. ***Read More***

Seedling Orders: Now Open, New Process
This year, users must go through their MyWisconsin ID account to order tree and shrub seedlings from the state nursery. ***Read More***

Firewood and Forest Health
With a little proper planning, harvesting firewood from your own forest can improve woodland health and increase heating efficiency. Learn more at this December 3rd webinar hosted by the Forestry & Wildlife division of the UW Extension. ***Read More***