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Forest Products Laboratory: Building A Durable Baseball Bat

Back in 1910, Wisconsin, home to the legendary lumberman Paul Bunyan, was at the epicenter of America's insatiable appetite for lumber. Much of Wisconsin's northern forests had been cleared, and the U.S. Government established the Forest Products Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin Madison to come up ways of using the suddenly scarce resource more efficiently. To this day, the FPL is the only federally funded wood products research center. Given that big-league ballplayers go through approximately 16,500 wooden baseball bats each season, it's not surprising that Major League Baseball is one of the Forest Product Lab's biggest clients. Materials Product Engineer John Considine works on baseball bats for the Forest Products Laboratory, and he joins 8 O'Clock Buzz host Brian Standing, by phone. [Listen Here](#)

In the News

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Service Received the 2017 Historic Preservation Award from Wisconsin Historical Society

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Service has received the 2017 Historic Preservation Award from the Wisconsin Historical Society for preserving several buildings at Forest Lodge near Cable, WI. The most dramatic of these projects has been the saving of the Forest Lodge Boathouse. [Read More](#) About Forest Lodge. [Read More](#)

\$100K Grant Expands Educational Programs at Aldo Leopold Foundation

Aldo Leopold Foundation leaders say a \$100,000 grant will help the local nonprofit train and inspire a new generation of conservationists. The conservation organization announced Tuesday it was offered a \$100,000 challenge grant from the Madison Community Foundation. Aldo Leopold Foundation communications coordinator Cassie Mordini said the funds will help create an endowment that will provide sustainable funding for the organization's Future Leaders Program. [Read More](#)

Wasp Releases to Fight Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

This summer, DNR staff will continue to do introductions of three natural enemy wasps that attack emerald ash borer: *Tetrastichus panipennis*, *Spathius galinae* and *Oobius agrili*. The *Tetrastichus* and *Spathius* wasps attack EAB larvae beneath the bark, and the *Oobius* wasps attack EAB eggs on the bark surface. The tiny wasps do not sting or bite, and the public is unlikely to know they are present. [Read More](#)

An Unwritten Page Of Early Clark and Jackson County History

... on the banks of Black River extending north from about the southern boundary of Clark county to about six or seven miles north of Neillsville by the river were several old clearings made in a very early day and known by the early settlers as the Mormon clearings. Also the river drivers used to tell of driving logs through the "Mormon riffles" on Black river. Just why these old clearings were called the "Mormon clearings" or why the rapids below were called the "Mormon riffles" no one seemed able to say ... [Read More](#)

Watch for Giant Hogweed in Your Wetland

The tall invasive plant giant hogweed was first found in Wisconsin in 2004 and has been confirmed in Iron, Portage, and Manitowoc Counties. It was recently found in Sheboygan. A single plant produces thousands of seeds, which can be dispersed by gravity, vehicles and gear, flowing water, or animals. Giant hogweed prefers moist shady areas. [Read More](#)

What Does It Take To Move A 10-Story Tree A Couple Of City Blocks?

The historic giant sequoia in Boise, Idaho, towers some 10 stories tall. At more than a century old, it also weighs a hefty 800,000 pounds and measures roughly 20 feet around at its base. Oh, and it had to move a few city blocks. All of which raised a very good question: How the heck was that going to happen? [Read More](#)

A Moment in Time: Logging Boom and the Birthplace of Minnesota

Northern Minnesota is a beautiful place. The region is home to numerous state and federal forests featuring majestic oaks, thick stands of aspen and the ever colorful maple trees. The Boundary Waters Canoe Area and surrounding resorts feature camping, fishing and canoeing opportunities in pristine wilderness. [Read More](#)



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