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Fredrick Law Olmstead: Designing America

To Olmsted, a park was both a work of art and a necessity for urban life. Olmsted's efforts to preserve nature created an "environmental ethic" decades before the environmental movement became a force in American politics. With gorgeous cinematography, and compelling commentary this film presents the biography of a man whose parks and preservation are an essential part of American life. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Healthy Forests Fuel Wisconsin's Wood and Paper Products Industry

MADISON -- If you're looking for an example of a "growth" industry, look no further than Wisconsin's wood and paper products sector, which is benefiting from a steadily increasing supply of state-grown timber. April, dubbed Forestry and Paper Products Month by the Legislature, offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on the positive impact of Wisconsin's 17 million acres of forested lands and its millions of urban trees. Together, the trees enhance our quality of life, help protect our waters, improve the soil, provide a wide range of wildlife habitat and supply the raw material for one of the state's most important economic drivers - the forest products industry, said Paul DeLong, chief state forester with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin Making Cuts to 11% of Recreation Sites at National Forest

Cuts are being made at some recreation areas in the 1.5 million-acre Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in northern and north-west Wisconsin. WLUK-TV reports reductions in services are coming next week to 11 percent of sites in the forest. U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Hilary Markin said some sites will see reduced services, while others will be "hard closures" with gates shuttered. [Read More](#)

Shelter from the Storm: Discovery Channel Features Safe Room Research

Discovery Channel Canada recently spent a day at the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) to film a segment on Bob Falk's tornado safe room research. Falk, a research general engineer at FPL, is developing plans for a do-it-yourself tornado safe room made from commodity lumber. His research, which involves shooting 2x4 lumber from an air cannon at 100 mph, was featured on the show Daily Planet and the results are a blast. [Watch Video](#)

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is Saturday, May 2

MADISON -- If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes - a saying as true in Wisconsin as it is anywhere where wildfires have their own seasons. "Our conditions in the spring can go from wet and snowy one day to dry and windy the next," said Jolene Ackerman, wildfire preparedness specialist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. "This range in conditions can often leave people confused as to how spring can be prime wildfire season in our state." Clearing confusion and promoting community-wide projects to reduce wildfire risk is the reason for National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day.

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Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Notes
<p>Family Day at the Leopold Center This is a free, family-friendly event, featuring hands-on activities for kids and families. The day has included hikes, live reptiles, hayrides, watercolor painting, and more! Your family can visit the Leopold Shack and explore the woods, prairies, and river just like the Leopold family did 75 years ago. Food is available for purchase on-site. Come on out and bring the kids for an afternoon of fun!</p>	<p>Aldo Leopold Center E13701 Levee Road Baraboo, WI 53913</p> <p>Driving Directions Here</p>	<p>Saturday, May 16 12:00 - 4:00pm</p>	<p>For complete details Visit Here</p>