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### Forest Industry Myths Debunked

It is no surprise to many of us that Wisconsin's forest industry is a critical part of sustainable forestry. At face value, the industry is an essential tool for implementing a wide variety of forest management goals. Logging practices, for example, restore wildlife habitat and can increase a forest's resiliency against insect pests and diseases. In a larger context, Wisconsin's logging and wood manufacturing workforce sustains our communities, our forests, and our growing demand for wood and paper products.

Over the winter months, the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association (GLTPA) developed a short video that sheds light on many of the common myths surrounding the timber industry. Forestry professionals in Wisconsin debunk topics such as the impact of forest management on wildlife, deforestation in the US, and even the iconic flannel shirt. [Watch Video](#)

### In the News

#### **Knight Life: Legacy Forest Created in Four Northern Wisconsin Counties**

SOLON SPRINGS — There are no big timber companies anymore. Now there are only investment companies. So said Tom Duffus of the Arlington, Va.-based nonprofit organization The Conservation Fund. Duffus spoke Tuesday afternoon as a light rain beat against the top of a large canopy pitched on the shore of a small, undeveloped lake, Muck Lake, that was surrounded by miles and miles of sandy soil. The one-hour event, featuring federal and state natural resources people, politicians and timber industry representatives was designed to celebrate the final phase of the 67,205-acre Brule-St. Croix Legacy Forest. [Read More](#)

#### **Georgia-Pacific Closing Phillips, Wisconsin Plant; 60 Jobs Lost**

Georgia-Pacific is closing its specialty wood-products factory in Phillips, eliminating about 60 jobs by late October, a spokesman for the company said Friday (August 28). [Read More](#)

#### **Warm, Wet Wood Means Fungi to Follow: Is Your Home a Mushroom Magnet?**

Fungi are the principal agents of decomposition in ecological systems, and are an unavoidable fact-of-life. Although particularly prevalent in the south, where temperature and humidity create ideal conditions, wherever you find organic matter, fungi will be close behind. When it comes to wood and wooden structures however, these pint-sized parasites can create big problems, leaving unsightly stains or even weakening buildings to the point of structural failure. [Read More](#)

#### **Wisconsin Forest Industry**

Forest products in Wisconsin contribute significantly to the economy, accounting for 12% of the value of all shipments, as well as 13.5% of jobs and 12.6% of wages to the manufacturing sector. [Read More](#)

#### **Chinese Demand for US Hardwood Soars to \$1.53 Billion**

The export value of United States hardwood to China jumped 34 percent year-on-year in 2014 as the country increased its demand for more sustainably sourced materials for its urbanization program and for environmental projects. The value of US hardwood products sold into China reached \$1.53 billion last year, according to data from the foreign agricultural service of the US Department of Agriculture. [Read More](#)

### Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Notes
<b>Seno's 20th Anniversary Celebration Woodland Festival and Pig Roast</b>  At our 20th Anniversary Celebration we will honor and enjoy all things woodland. After all, we are a tree farm! There will be activities and games for the young and young at heart, demonstrations, make-and-takes, exhibitors, an awesome silent auction, great food and live music.	<b>Seno K/R Land Trust Concervancy</b>  <b>3606 Dyer Lake Rd (Hwy P) Burlington, WI 53105</b>	Saturday, September 12th, 2015 11 am—7 pm <i>No Reservations Required</i> <i>Admission fee</i> \$6/ person Under five —free Dinner, 5—6:30 pm <i>Reservations Required</i> \$12/person \$6/ kids—6—12 years old Under five— free	<a href="#">More details</a>  or call 262.539.3222 For Dinner Reservations