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### Wood: A Better Way to Build

The American Forest Foundation, in partnership with the Forest Products Laboratory, recently released a video that gets to the heart of the many reasons "wood is good." From its sustainability and renewability as a natural resource; to the strength, warmth, and sense of connection it provides in structures; to its contribution to the livelihood of 11 million private landowners in rural communities; wood provides abundantly for humanity. There's much more to say, but the video really speaks for itself. Watch, and then go hug a tree. (It's okay, we do it all the time. They deserve it.) [Watch Video](#)

### In the News

#### FHAW Charter Member, Al Barden Induction: Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame

September 19, 2015. Al Barden is inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame. Al's acceptance speech starts at approximately 9:55. [Watch Video](#)

#### UW-Madison Launches Fifth MOOC of 2015, Focused on Forests and Humans

Beginning Sept. 30 through Oct. 28, UW-Madison will launch its second-to-last Massive Open Online Course of the year, "Forests and Humans: From the Midwest to Madagascar." This **FREE non-credit** MOOC will officially run for four weeks and will focus on an exploration of forest ecosystems from the Midwest to Ecuador and Madagascar. Participants will learn about the ecology, geography and economic significance of the world's forests, and how humans interact with these environments on a daily basis. [Read More](#)

#### Forest Service Project Will Improve South Fork of the Flambeau River

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is improving another section of the South Fork of the Flambeau River in Price County. The project is located north of Forest Road 147 (Fishtrap Road) with access to the river from Forest Road 503B. The project will deepen and narrow approximately 2600 feet of the river's channel improving aquatic species habitat and recreation opportunities for canoeing and kayaking. [Read More](#)

#### Nation Nears Wildfire Record With More Than 9 Million Acres Burned

The amount of land burned by wildfires in the U.S. this year has surpassed 9 million acres, according to data released Thursday by the National Interagency Fire Center. This is only the fourth time on record the country has reached the 9 million-acre mark, center spokesman Randall Eardley said in an e-mail. The area burned is roughly equivalent to the size of New Jersey and Connecticut combined. [Read More](#)

#### Cross-Laminated Timber is Now Made in the USA

When Seattle architect Susan Jones built her wonderful little house out of Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) she had to order it from Canada; ~~there was not a single CLT plant in the entire United States.~~ There was only one in America, Smartlam in Montana. This seemed so strange, in a country that prides itself on innovation and ingenuity and has such a huge forestry industry and so much wood. In the UK they were building high-rises and in Italy, thousands of earthquake proof CLT houses, but not in America. [Read More](#)

### Upcoming Events

| Event   | Location   | Date  | Notes   |
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| <p><b>Forests and Humans:<br/>From the Midwest to Madagascar</b></p> <p>Video Showings followed by group discussions<br/>And a special wrap-up event</p> <p>It's more fun to study together<br/>and discuss what you've learned</p> | <p>Marshfield Public Library<br/>211 East Second St<br/>Marshfield, Wisconsin</p> <p>General Meeting Room<br/>(main floor)</p> | <p><i>Sundays, October 4, 11, 18,<br/>25 and November 1<br/>1:30 pm followed by<br/>Group discussions</i></p> <p><i>November 8<br/>Special Wrap-up Session<br/>1:30 pm<br/>Beebe Forum Room</i></p> | <p><b>For additional<br/>Information</b></p> <p><b>715-387-8494</b></p> |