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One Man's Mission to Revive the Last Redwood Forests

David Milarch's near-death experience inspired a personal quest: to archive the genetics of the world's largest trees before they're gone. This short film from The Story Group documents his effort to save the redwood champions of Northern California. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Memorial Day History

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. [Read More](#)

State Foresters Respond to President's FY18 Budget Recommendations

WASHINGTON —The National Association of State Foresters (NASF) reacted with disappointment today to President Donald Trump's fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget recommendations. The proposed budget includes significant cuts in forestry programs, including a recommended 50 percent reduction of USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry program funding. [Read More](#)

Forestry Mill Tax on the Chopping Block

WAUWATOSA, WI—A little-known provision of the pending budget bill has caused concern with a northern Wisconsin legislator and a Northwoods forestry group. Governor Walker's proposed budget eliminates the Forestry Mill Tax and replaces it with general purpose revenue. The tax currently generates about \$80 million. It's about \$27 for an average homeowner. [Read More](#)

UW-Stevens Point Students Gain Real World Skills While Helping Communities

In an attempt to find an avenue to get small communities in the fold of beginning, or better managing their community tree resources DNR Regional Urban Forestry (UF) Coordinator, Don Kissinger, resurrected memories of his college days when he and his classmates were given a computer simulation to react and manage a fictitious community forestry program. Through this attempt the collaboration with UW- Stevens Point Professor Rich Hauer and his senior level Urban Forestry Lab class began. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin Arborist Apprenticeship Program

The State of Wisconsin is leading the way in the green industry by providing the nation's first Arborist Apprenticeship Program, which will include plant health care as well as tree care. Currently, there are three private tree care companies who have signed on five apprentices who are learning and developing their skills under the direct guidance of certified and skilled arborists. More employers are needed to support the program and be willing to hire apprentices. [Read More](#)

What is the Powassan Virus (and should you worry)?

Warm weather brings worries of tick-borne illnesses like Lyme disease. But a lesser-known virus called Powassan — also spread by ticks — is making headlines. The disease is very rare, but it can be life threatening. The virus is named after Powassan, Ontario, where it was first discovered in 1958. [Read More](#) **Wisconsin Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases** [Read More](#)

Bipartisan Bill to Prioritize Forest Landscape-Scale Projects Across Both Private and Public Land

WASHINGTON—Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) and Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) introduced the *Empowering State Forestry to Improve Forest Health Act of 2017*. This bipartisan legislation would direct funding toward the highest priority projects, resulting in measurable improvements to non-federal private forests and nearby National Forest System lands. [Read More](#)

A Great Tree 'Migration' is Underway

Last summer, the popular podcast series RadioLab aired an episode that caused listeners' jaws to drop. Titled "Tree to Shining Tree," the half-hour program explored the incredible relationship between trees and the below-ground organisms they depend on to survive. [Read More](#) "Tree to Shining Tree" Podcast [Listen Here](#)



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<http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/wisconsin-ticks/powassan-virus/>

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<http://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/wilderness-resources/blogs/great-tree-migration-under-way-warming-climate>

Tree to Shining Tree Podcast

<http://www.radiolab.org/story/from-tree-to-shining-tree/>