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E-Forester Archives? More than a few folks have asked if *The E-Forester* is archived on the SAF website. It is not, primarily because links to news articles change quickly. However, if you're looking for something from a past issue, [contact me](#) and I'll do my best to get you what you need.

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I. Featured News

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1. US Forest Service Looks at Changes for the 21st Century

Idaho Statesman (March 9) - The US Forest Service was founded in 1905 on the idea that using the science and technology of forestry could dramatically increase forest productivity and prevent a threatened "timber famine." Today, [resiliency is replacing productivity](#) as the watchword of the agency.

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2. Conservation Groups Could Back Water Storage Plan

Yakima Herald (March 10) - A coalition of conservation groups has agreed to support a broad plan that calls for [new water storage](#) in the Yakima Valley. The endorsement by nine environmental groups is contingent on preserving and restoring about 71,000 acres in the basin watershed for habitat, water quality, and other environmental benefits.

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3. It Isn't Grandpa's Logging Business

Chinook Observer (March 8) - In February, after a year and a half looking for a buyer, once-dominant logging giant Weyerhaeuser sold 82,000 acres of hemlock forestland in Washington State for \$200 million to a Boston insurance company's timber subsidiary.

The move was the latest in a [long paring-down process](#) by Weyerhaeuser, which is transitioning into being a Real Estate Investment Trust. In Pacific County the firm now owns about 139 fewer square miles of forest than it did a century ago.

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4. One-Third of Washington's Timber Harvest Volume Came from State Trust Lands

Washington Department of Natural Resources (March 8) - According to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) 2010 Annual Report, [state trust forestlands](#) helped keep timber contractors, saw mills, and related businesses working last year. Close to 30 percent of the total timber harvest in Washington State in Fiscal Year 2010 came from state trust lands managed by the DNR.

State trust lands are managed to provide fish and wildlife habitat, educational, and recreational opportunities, as well as to produce income for schools, universities, prisons, state mental hospitals, community colleges, local services in many counties, and the state's General Fund.

The 2010 DNR [Annual Report](#) can be viewed on the DNR website.

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5. National Wildfire News

NIFC.gov (March 9) - According to the [National Interagency Fire Center](#), wildland fire activity remains light throughout the country. Two new large fires were reported in Oklahoma and New Mexico. Two large fires were also contained in Florida and Oklahoma.

[Iron Horse Fire Is Contained, but Smoke Continues](#)
CFN News.com, March 8

[I-95 Closed Due to Smoke from Wildfire](#)
WESH.com, March 8

[NM Wildfire Destroys 13 Homes, 47 Other Structures](#)
San Jose Mercury News, March 9

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6. Tongass in Alaska to Get Federal Roadless Protection

Los Angeles Times (March 7) - The federal rule protecting the nation's last remaining stretches of roadless wilderness will apply now to the largest and grandest of the national forests under a court ruling in Alaska, which [threw out the exemption](#) granted to the Tongass National Forest.

For more information, also see:

[Conservation Groups Weigh in on 'Roadless' Outcome](#)
Juneau Empire, March 8

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7. Stimulus Trims National Forest Repair List

Asheville Citizen Times (March 7) - The US Forest Service's maintenance backlog in North Carolina has grown to \$76 million-more than three times its annual operating budget. Now, nearly \$15 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars are helping to [shrink the repair list](#).

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8. Forest Service to Close Old Logging Roads in Willamette National Forest

US Forest Service (March 7) - The US Forest Service will close and stabilize 132 miles of former logging roads as part of an ongoing effort to [protect the watershed](#) of the Upper Middle Fork of the Willamette River.

The recently announced closures come after two years of planning and public review. Originally, 150 miles were analyzed for closure. After public input, 18 miles were taken off the list and thus, will remain open. Implementation will begin this spring and will take several years to complete.

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9. Deep in the Biomass Belt

Renewable EnergyWorld.com (March 4) - In the deep South, [woody biomass](#) has generated fire-powered energy in the Southeast United States for decades, and it has grown significantly in recent years with development of at least two 100 MW power plants in Florida and east Texas and several multiple-megawatt projects in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and North Carolina.

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10. US South Sawtimber Prices Expected to Recover in 2012-2013

Forisk Consulting (March 9) - According to Forisk Consulting, increasing demand for wood raw materials indicates [higher pine stumpage prices](#) for forest landowners and investors. Forisk forecasts sawtimber prices for the southern United States strengthening 4.6 percent into 2012 and 5.5 percent into 2013, as lumber production increases with housing starts. Alternately, pine pulpwood-the lower-valued raw material used for pulp, oriented strand board, and bioenergy-gains 1.4 percent and 2.7 percent into 2012 and 2013 across the South, with high variance across the 11 states covered in Forisk's models.

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11. Berkowitz's Win Becomes Challenge as St. Joe "Under Attack"

Bloomberg Businessweek (March 8) - Bruce Berkowitz won the battle to change management at St. Joe Co., the money-losing Florida landowner. Now, he has to figure out how to make its [forests and swamps profitable](#) as short sellers bet against the shares.

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II. Publications, Resources, and Items of Interest

1. Forest Service Kicks Off Series of Discussions on Proposed Planning Rule

US Forest Service (March 8) - The US Forest Service hosted a [national public forum](#) to share information about the content of the agency's proposed planning rule from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on March 10 in Washington, DC. Additional public forums are scheduled throughout the country during the comment period, which ends May 16, 2011.

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2. Forever Redwood CEO: Sustainable Forestry Standards Are Not Enough

San Francisco Chronicle/Press Release (March 9) - In the ongoing modern debate about the best way to certify "green" forestry practices, the focus has been on the competing certification guidelines issued by the Forest Stewardship Council and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

Yet, according to Forever Redwood CEO Raul D. Hernandez, neither certification program goes nearly far enough. To have healthy forests over the long term, the industry needs to stop quibbling about "sustainable" forestry practices and develop a [restoration forestry](#) program instead.

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3. Book Details Viability of Wood to Energy Market in Southern Wildland-Urban Interface Areas

US Forest Service (March 7) - The USDA Forest Service and the University of Florida today unveiled a new book that gives utility and energy companies, planners, investors, and others the latest information on the viability of the wood to energy market in wildland-urban interface areas of the South. The [free book](#), *Wood*

to Energy: Using Southern Interface Fuels for Bioenergy, is available for download on the Forest Service's Southern Research Station website.

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III. Science and Technology

1. ESF Partners on Biofuels Education Grant

SUNY-ESF (March 8) - The SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF), in partnership with CenterState CEO and the Syracuse Center of Excellence (CoE), has received a USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Higher Education Challenge grant, which will fund a project, titled "[From Farm and Forest to Fuel: An Integrative and Experiential Approach to Bioenergy, Biofuels and Bioproducts Education.](#)" The primary focus of this project is on woody biomass from forests and perennial energy crops grown on marginal agricultural land that is not being used for production of food crops.

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2. Report: Tall Timber Skyscrapers Workable

Vancouver Sun (March 8) - A study funded by the BC government to help promote the province's forestry sector will conclude that buildings as tall as 30 stories could be made almost [entirely out of wood](#).

According to architect Michael Green, who detailed his vision for the world's first "timber skyscraper," the study shows that such buildings can be cost saving as well as both fire- and earthquake-safe.

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3. Tree Geneticist Receives \$3.7 Million Grant for Hardwoods Research

Penn State (March 3) - A plant geneticist in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences has received a [\\$3.7 million grant](#) from the National Science Foundation to develop genomics resources to address forest-health issues affecting hardwood trees.

Penn State researchers will collaborate with those at six other universities on the project: University of Notre Dame, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, University of Missouri, Clemson University, Michigan Technological University, and University of West Alabama.

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1. Membership Benefit: Consulting Forester's Liability and Prescribed Burn Liability Insurance Coverage

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2. Upcoming SAF Meetings

National Workshop on Climate & Forests

Planning Tools and Perspectives on Adaptation and Mitigation Options
Northern Arizona University o May 16-18, 2011 o Flagstaff, Arizona

Join leading scientists, foresters, and educators to learn and discuss what needs to be done today to manage tomorrow's forests. Participate in regionally themed breakouts to discuss the implementation of adaptation and mitigation options and share your accomplishments at the poster session.

Early-bird discounts end April 2.
To register, or for more information, visit the [SAF website](#).

Posters Deadline: March 22. Click here to [submit your poster](#).

New England SAF Winter Meeting

The 91st Annual Winter Meeting of the New England SAF will be held in Fairlee, VT, from March 30 thru April 1. The meeting will include speakers, concurrent technical sessions, field trips, and workshops. CFEs are available.

Colorado-Wyoming SAF Meeting

The Colorado-Wyoming SAF will meet May 12-14 at the Strater Hotel in Durango. Organized under the theme "Managing Forests for Resiliency in a Climate of Change," the meeting will include a state society business meeting (May 12), technical sessions (May 13), and a field trip (May 14). CFE credits will be available.

For more information, contact [Steve Ambrose](#).

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3. Get the Most from Your New Membership Benefit-Free Online Access to All SAF Journals!

Beginning in January, your SAF membership now includes free online access to the *Northern*, *Southern*, and *Western Journals of Applied Forestry*, as well as *Forest Science*, SAF's premiere journal of forestry research and theory.

To take advantage of this new membership benefit, sign up for a new issue alert, which automatically sends you an e-mail when new issues are available. You can also set up a RSS feed for the latest or recent issues. Simply visit our [online content](#), select the journal for which you wish to receive an alert or feed, then click the corresponding link beneath the issue thumbnail.

Remember: if you've never accessed SAF's online journal collection, you'll need to register first to take advantage of your new benefit. Follow these simple, one-time [registration instructions](#) and then be on your way to exploring the latest science and research, as well as new techniques and practices for effective, productive forest management.

For assistance with the registration process, contact Matt Walls.

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4. 2011 Ben Meadows Scholarships

The Society of American Foresters is pleased to announce two new scholarships offered by Ben Meadows and administered by SAF.

All scholarship candidates must be enrolled, full time, as a junior or senior in a natural resource program working toward a Bachelor of Arts or Science degree, which includes, but is not limited to, agroforestry,

urban forestry, environmental studies, natural resource management, natural resource recreation, wildlife management, wood science and fisheries management.

The scholarships, one for academic achievement and one based on leadership, are each worth \$2,500.

Applications are due by June 30, 2011. Eligible students are encouraged to apply. Instructions, complete requirements, and the application form can be found on the [Ben Meadows website](#).

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5. SAF Seeks Editor for *Southern Journal of Applied Forestry*

The Society of American Foresters is seeking an editor for the *Southern Journal of Applied Forestry*, SAF's quarterly journal of applied forestry serving foresters and allied professionals with research, practices, and techniques targeted to the southern United States. The editor serves a 3-year term (beginning September 1, 2011) and receives a stipend of \$650 per month.

Send resume, selected publication vitae, and a letter describing qualifications and interest in the position to [Matthew Walls](#), Director of Publications, Society of American Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-2198, fax: (301) 897-3691.

The application deadline is April 30, 2011. For questions regarding responsibilities and qualifications, contact Matt Walls.

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