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FROM THE EDITORS...

October has arrived, which means we will soon see the leaves turn and feel the air chill here in Washington, DC. It also means that things are busier than ever as the Administration and Congress look towards the end of the federal government's fiscal year and work to address a multitude of issues ranging from hurricane disaster relief to ongoing conversations about the 2007 Farm Bill. It is a hectic, but exciting, time of year – read on for information about some of what has been and will be going on inside the beltway.

FROM CAPITOL HILL...

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

On September 28th, Senators Rick Santorum (R-PA) and Joe Lieberman (D-CT) introduced the 'CARE Act of 2005' (S 1780) that would, among other things, give a capital gains tax cut to landowners who sell their land or an easement for conservation purposes, and would increase annual deductions for land or conservation easement donations. A charitable tax bill has been introduced in the House (HR 3908) but does not include changes to the tax code for conservation purposes. For more information, visit <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.

COUNTY PAYMENTS

The reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (HR 517) appears to be on hold until the 2007 budget cycle, as lawmakers seek funding for the program. The Act was intended to counteract the decline in federal timber sales revenue, which historically was shared with counties affected by federal logging and other resource development. The money has traditionally been used for schools and roads, though it can also be used to fund projects that enhance forest ecosystem health and create jobs, and to improve cooperation among federal agencies and states, local governments, and public lands users. The House Resources Committee approved the reauthorization on May 19th. For more information, visit <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

On September 30th, the House voted 229-193 to approve the Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act (HR 3824). The bill would remove the Endangered Species Act's "critical habitat" requirements in favor of recovery plans, and creates a program to pay landowners for the lost value of their land if taken for habitat. Visit <http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/Press/releases/2005/0929esapassage.htm> for the House Resources Committee press release on the vote.

FEDERAL BUDGET

The Senate Agriculture Committee met October 6th to discuss how to reduce agriculture funding to comply with reconciliation instructions included in the FY 06 Budget Resolution. The Resolution calls for the Agriculture Committee to find \$3 billion in funding cuts, many within the Farm Bill. For more, visit <http://agriculture.senate.gov/>

FOREST SERVICE PARTNERSHIP

The 'Forest Service Partnership Enhancement Act of 2005' (HR 3818) was introduced in the House on September 15th by Representative Greg Walden from Oregon. The purpose of the act is "to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements to encourage greater cooperation through partnerships with entities and local communities in the administration of Forest Service activities on and near National Forest System lands, and for other purposes." This legislative proposal aims to clarify, simplify, and expand the Forest Service's legal authority to enter into mutually beneficial agreements with outside parties (cooperators). A "Cooperator" that can enter into such agreements is defined in the proposal as "any Federal agency, State, local, or Tribal government, public or private agency, nonprofit organization, institution (including educational institution), small and local business, corporation, or other legal entity within the United States, or individual." This legislation would apply only to agreements that benefit all parties and involve the specific activities listed in Section 4, including "restoring and maintaining ecological integrity and biodiversity of National Forest System lands." The House Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the bill on September 27th. Witnesses included Jack Troyer, Regional Forester - Inter Mountain Region 4, USDA Forest Service and Harry Hafer, Executive Director of the Cradle of Forestry in America.

POST-DISTURBANCE RESTORATION

The House Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health (Chairman Walden, R-OR) will hold a hearing this Friday, October 7th, entitled, "Oversight Hearing on Restoration after Recent Hurricanes and other Natural Disasters: Federal Role in Recovery after Catastrophic Events Affecting Forest Lands." Witnesses include Lynn Scarlet, Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management, and Budget, U.S. Department of the Interior, accompanied by Larry Parkinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Law Enforcement, U.S. Department of the Interior; Dale Bosworth, Chief, USDA Forest Service; Max Peterson, Former Chief, USDA Forest Service, Member, Board of Directors, National Association of Forest Service Retirees; Larry Jarrett, Natural Resource Initiative of North Mississippi; Everard Baker, State Forester (Acting), State of Mississippi; Buck Vandersteen, Executive Director, Louisiana Forestry Association; James Cummins, Executive Director, Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation; Bruce Alt, Executive Vice President, Mississippi Forestry Association; Robert Mitchell, Scientist, Joseph E. Jones Ecological Research Center. For more information, visit <http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/schedule/093005pf.htm>

WORKFORCE

The Workforce Protections Subcommittee of the House Education and Workforce Committee (Chairman Norwood, R-GA) will meet (date still undetermined) to hear

testimony on the experience of workers and employers under the Migrant and Seasonal Agriculture Workers Protection Act. For more information, visit <http://edworkforce.house.gov/>.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

FARM BILL

The Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns, will continue attending listening sessions being held around the country to hear from stakeholders on the 2007 Farm Bill. The following Farm Bill Listening Sessions have been scheduled:

- **Oct. 5:** Lubbock, Texas, Texas Tech University Museum Auditorium,
- **Oct. 14:** Little Rock, Arkansas, time and location TBD,
- **Oct. 18:** Moultrie, Georgia,
- **Oct. 21:** Greeley, Colorado, time and location TBD,

Natural Resources and Environment Under Secretary Mark Rey will host the following specialty Farm Bill Forums:

- **Oct. 14:** Narragansett, Rhode Island, Coastal Institute, University of Rhode Island
- **Oct. 15:** Harrington, Delaware, Delaware State Fair Grounds

Rural Development Under Secretary Tom Dorr will host the following specialty Farm Bill Forums:

- **Oct. 7:** Elkins, West Virginia, Elkins Middle School
- **Oct. 11:** Bangor, Maine, Richard E. Dyke Center
- **Oct. 25:** Manchester, New Hampshire, Manchester Center
- **Oct. 26:** South Burlington, Vermont, Doubletree Hotel
- **Nov. 12:** Hawaii, time and location TBD,
- **Nov. 16:** New Brunswick, New Jersey, Hilton

Food Nutrition and Consumer Services Under Secretary Eric Bost will host the following specialty Farm Bill Forums:

- **Oct. 6:** Oakland, California, Oakland Federal Building
- **Oct. 14:** Baltimore, Maryland, Enoch Pratt Public Library, Wheeler Auditorium
- **Oct. 19:** Miami, Fla. Miami-Dade College
- **Nov. 2:** Atlanta, Georgia, Atlanta Community Food Bank

For more information, visit

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/ s.7 0 A/7 0 1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2005/07/0278.xml>

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

On September 28th, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced that USDA will allow certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants to re-enroll or extend their contracts that are set to expire between 2007 and 2010. 400,000 contracts covering 28 million acres are set to expire between 2007 and 2010. For more information, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/crreenroll05.htm> or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/default.htm>

HURRICANE KATRINA

Scientists from the USDA Forest Service have reported that Hurricane Katrina damaged or destroyed approximately 19 billion board feet of timber spread over five million acres in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana. If removed quickly, storm-damaged wood may be salvageable for various products. According to Forest Service researchers, this amount of down and damaged wood (trees with broken tops, uprooted or leaning trees, and trees that are bent, broken or splintered) could be used to produce 800,000 single-family homes and 25 million tons of paper and paperboard. *Excerpted from a USDA press release, 9/15/05.*

ROADLESS

The Forest Service announced that \$115,000 will be given in assistance to the State of Colorado for developing a petition to the Secretary of Agriculture to address inventoried roadless areas in the state. Under the new Roadless Rule, adopted in May, the Forest Service may provide, if requested, financial support for the petitioning process. On July 14, Governor Bill Owens submitted a request for \$115,000 to Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth for help in developing a petition to USDA and in implementing Colorado Senate Bill 05-243, which created a Roadless Areas Review Task Force for the state of Colorado. *Excerpted from a USDA press release, 9/8/05.* For more information on roadless areas, visit: <http://roadless.fs.fed.us/>. To view the full text of the press release, visit www.usda.gov/wps/portal/lut/p/s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2005/09/0357.xml

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has announced the selection of members to the Roadless Area Conservation National Advisory Committee. This committee will provide advice and recommendations on implementing the state petitions for the Inventoried Roadless Area Management Rule adopted by USDA in May of 2005. Members of the committee will review petitions submitted by states, seek consensus, identify issues, and provide the Secretary or the Secretary's designee with advice and recommendations on implementing the State Petitions Rule. The State Petitions Rule provides governors an opportunity to establish or adjust management requirements for National Forest System inventoried roadless areas in their States. USDA will accept state petitions until November 13, 2006. *Excerpted from a USDA press release, 9/16/05.* For more information on roadless areas, visit <http://roadless.fs.fed.us/>

The State of Wyoming is expected to work alongside the Agriculture Department to establish an agreement on roadless areas in national forests, but there is no specific standard

for the federal government to accept the state's petition, Agriculture Undersecretary Mark Rey wrote in a letter to Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal (D). Rey did not say what standards would be used to judge the petitions, except to say each state's filing will be judged on its own merits. Under the Bush administration rule, governors can submit petitions to stop road building on 34.3 million acres of inventoried roadless areas on national forests where it would be allowed under current forest management plans or request new forest management plans to allow building on 24.2 million acres. *Excerpted from Greenwire, 9/30/05.*

NEW FOREST SERVICE LEADERS

On October 4th, the USDA Forest Service announced several changes in leadership within the agency. Dave Cleaves has been named Station Director for the Rocky Mountain Research Station and Sam Foster has been named Director of Resources Valuation and Use Research. *Excerpted from Forest Service press releases.*

OTHER NATIONAL NEWS...

FOREST CERTIFICATION

The SmartWood program has awarded the first Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification of a national park to the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller (MBR) National Historical Park, making it only the second U.S. federal landholding to receive such certification. SmartWood is an independent, third party certifier accredited by the FSC to promote sustainable forest management. MBR's forest is one of the oldest continuously managed woodlands in North America and the first national park with a mandate to interpret the history and evolution of conservation. *Excerpted from GreenBiz.com, 8/29/05.* For more information, visit www.ra.org/news/2005/parks.html.

COMMUNITY-BASED FORESTRY NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

The Aspen Institute held a two-day conference in Washington, DC on September 22-23, entitled, "Five Years of Innovation: Findings and Recommendations." The conference showcased thirteen pilot projects located on public, private, and tribal forestlands nationwide, and employing non-traditional economic strategies to turn forest resources into sustainable livelihoods. These pilot projects are part of a six-year effort funded by the Ford Foundation. Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) spoke at the conference and expressed his interest in the ideals of collaborative restoration as well as his appreciation of the work of community-based forestry practitioners. Undersecretary of Agriculture Mark Rey spoke at the conference reception, where he also discussed the importance of community-based forestry. For more information about the demonstration program, visit www.aspeninstitute.org.

IN THE COURTS...

ALLEGHENY TIMBER POLICY

The USDA Forest Service may consider the financial value of trees in developing forest management plans, according to a ruling by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia. Environmental groups in Pennsylvania sued the Forest Service in 2001, claiming it violated the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) by primarily managing the Allegheny National Forest for profit. NFMA requires national forests be managed for "multiple use," which includes recreation and other non-logging activities in addition to timber harvesting. Opponents claimed the Forest Service intended to create a monoculture of black cherry trees -- which are less valuable to wildlife but worth more in the timber market -- at the expense of native species. The Forest Service maintained that black cherry began growing naturally in the forest decades ago after logging in the 1800s and that the plan was designed to deal with tree mortality from insects, disease and drought. The court found the Forest Service's plan "was based on a thorough analysis of a variety of both economic and non-economic factors." *Excerpted from an Associated Press story by Dan Nephin, 9/23/05.*

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

The Forest Service has suspended the use of "categorical exclusions" after a federal judge ruled those projects should be open to public comment and appeal. A categorical exclusion is a specific exemption from the environmental review process, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Judge James Singleton of the U.S. District Court in Anchorage, Alaska ruled September 16, 2005 that the nature of the agency's use of categorical exclusions violated the 1992 Appeals Reform Act, which Congress drafted in response to a previous agency proposal to limit appeals of timber projects. Singleton said his order should be enforced nationwide. Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth ordered all projects or activities that used categorical exclusions suspended until project managers allow public notice, comment, and the opportunity for appeal. *Excerpted from Greenwire, 9/27/05.*

To view Chief Bosworth's letter to agency officials concerning the decision, please visit www.fsee.org/fsnews/chiefs_ce_letter.pdf.

To view the court order, please visit www.heartwood.org/Order_rule_60_b_contempt.pdf.

ROADLESS

Attorneys general from California, New Mexico and Oregon have filed the first legal challenges to the Bush administration's plan allowing states to petition the federal government for protection of roadless areas in national forests. The lawsuit charges the administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by not studying its repeal of the 2001 roadless rule. The Bush plan allows governors to nominate inventoried roadless areas for continued protection. If the Agriculture secretary accepts the petition, USDA and the state would cooperate in a state-specific rulemaking that would be subject to public review and NEPA analysis. *Excerpted from Greenwire, 9/6/05.* To view the California

Dept. of Justice's press release announcing the lawsuit, visit <http://ag.ca.gov/newsalerts/release.php?id=1208>.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & OTHER EVENTS

3rd Annual "Light on the Land" Forestry Field Day - Meeting Landowner Objectives October 7-8, 2005, Sauk City, WI. The Light on the Land Forestry Field-Day will feature a variety of workshops, exhibitors, and logging demonstrations to assist landowners in managing their woodlands. Workshops held each day will provide valuable information on topics ranging from "Managing for Woodland Birds" to "Directional Felling". A variety of small scale logging equipment will be demonstrated to show how logging can be "Light on the Land". The event is free to the public. For more information, contact the Southwest Badger Resource Conservation & Development Council at 608-723-6377 ext. 136 or steve.bertjens@wi.usda.gov.

The Fourth Annual Catskill Mountain Ginseng and Medicinal Herb Festival, October 9, 2005, Catskill, New York from 10AM to 5 PM. Admission is \$4.00 at the gate. Learn about the history and folklore of Catskill Ginseng as well as how it is grown in our forests. Sample ginseng foods, snacks, teas and other ginseng beverages as well as other medicinal herbs. Purchase the highest quality wild ginseng available anywhere in North America. Examine other medicinal herbs and learn how they are used. Stratified (ready to plant) ginseng seeds and rootlets will be offered for sale. For more information contact the Heart of Catskill, at (518) 943-0989, email: hoca@mhonline.net, or contact Bob Beyfuss at (518) 622-9820, email: rlb14@cornell.edu

When You Get Back Home, October 11-13, 2005, Missoula, MT. A regional conference focusing on 13 states including, Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, Nevada, North and South Dakota, California, Arizona and New Mexico. It is designed to foster working relationships at the local level among conservation districts, RC&D Councils, county and other local units of government, state forestry agencies, state soil & water conservation agencies, USDI agencies, the Forest Service and NRCS in solving woody biomass utilization and other forest health issues. Community leaders, educational institutions and private enterprise are encouraged to attend. Others outside the region are welcome. Visit <http://nacdn.net/meetings/WestBiomass/> for more information.

Biomass Thinning for Fuel Reduction and Forest Restoration, October 12-13, 2005, Redding, CA. The goals of this workshop are to view and discuss forest fuels conditions and wildfire hazard, methods for treating fuels, impacts of fuels reduction treatments on fire hazard, wildlife habitat, watershed/soils, utilization of biomass material/small trees, effectiveness of fuel reduction practices. Target audience includes public, private and tribal forest resource managers, policy makers, natural resource professionals, loggers/biomass contractors, interested businesses, conservation organizations, legislative staff, electric utilities, and interested citizens. For more information, contact Sherry Cooper at 530-224-4902 or slcooper@nature.berkeley.edu or see <http://groups.ucanr.org/forest/> for more information.

Biological Woodsmen's Week, October 12-16, 2005, Fauquier County, VA. Healing Harvest Forest Foundation will conduct a weeklong public educational event in the forest of Fauquier County. During the week, guided tours of actual harvesting operations will be available to the public. On Saturday night, a panel discussion about the issues of community-based restorative, sustainable forestry will be held. The panel will include Wendell Berry, Troy Firth, Jason Rutledge, and others. On Sunday afternoon, there will be Horsellogger's Play Day at the Warrenton Horse Show Grounds. This will include a timber felling competition, a horse pulling contest and more. For more information, contact Jason Rutledge at 540-270-0587 or rutledge@swva.net or see http://community.roanoke.com/events.wsi?group_id=11&event_id=9.

Forest Restoration in the Eastern United States: A Conference to Focus on Public and Private Forest Lands, November 10-12, 2005, Black Mountain, NC. The goals of this conference are to raise awareness of regional forest restoration issues and to build a regional Restoration Network that provides a venue for communication among conservationists, practitioners, community foresters, agency personnel, and scientists. The conference will feature mini-seminars and discussions on key restoration issues, provide tools for the implementation of restoration projects, and offer opportunities for networking. For more information, contact Nikki Smathers at 1-828-252-9223 or nikki@safc.org or see <http://www.safc.org/resources/easternrestorationconferencehome.htm>

Collaboration in Forest Planning & Environmental Review, November 16-17, 2005, Albuquerque, NM. The forest planning process and the environmental review process for forest projects have changed with the passage of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act and new regulations guiding forest planning and project review. Increasingly, project and forest-level planning are expected to occur through a collaborative process, but there are many different interpretations of what this means. Precisely how things are changing and the implications for public involvement are unclear to both agency and private forest practitioners. To address this information gap, the Ecological Restoration Institute at Northern Arizona University, in partnership with the Society of American Foresters, Sustainable Northwest, the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, the Forest Guild, and the Southwest Community Forestry Caucus, is sponsoring a training workshop for land managers and other forest practitioners to explain the new authorities and how they relate to agency - community collaboration. For more information, contact Karen Gilbreath, Ecological Restoration Institute at 928-523-7925, or by email at karen.gilbreath@nau.edu.

2005 National Conference on Urban Ecosystems: November 17-18, 2005, Charlotte, NC. The USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry program is offering Minority and Underrepresented Registration Scholarships for this conference. The Forest service will award three scholarships for each state, as well as three each for Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific territories. The scholarship deadline was July 30, 2005; however, after this date, the scholarships will be awarded to those who are eligible as available on a first come, first served basis. For complete information and application, visit the American Forests Conference Website at www.americanforests.org/conference/schMinority.php.

Promise of Place Conference, November 17-19, 2005, Jackson, NH. Practitioners from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York will gather to deepen their understanding

of, and acquire new skills in, place-based education. The conference will build on two previous conferences and is relevant for novice and experienced practitioners, program administrators, and community members. Registration closes October 27th, with an early registration discount offered before Oct14th. For more information, visit www.northernforest.org or www.shelburnefarms.org.

Forest Guild 2005 Annual Meeting: December 3-4, 2005, Santa Fe, NM. Ten years ago, when a handful of foresters were introduced to each other in Santa Fe, New Mexico, a new force came together in forestry. The 2005 annual meeting returns to the place of the Guild's conception to celebrate the founding and to explore changes in the forest management environment since the gathering in 1995. For more information, visit www.forestguild.org.

Midwest Invasive Plants Symposium, December 14-15, 2005, Kansas City, MO. The Midwest Invasive Plant Network will hold its annual meeting this year in association with the North Central Weed Science Society's Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Dec. 12-15, 2005. NCWSS will provide a reduced two-day registration fee for those wishing to attend Dec. 14-15 for the Midwest Invasive Plants Network annual meeting and invasive plant talks. Contact Katherine M. Howe at 317-951-8818 or khowe@tnc.org or see <http://www.ncwss.org/meeting/2005/info05.htm>

OPPORTUNITIES

GRANTS

Last month, Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Tom Dorr announced 111 USDA Rural Development loans and grants totaling nearly \$27 million to promote homeownership opportunities and support the creation and expansion of rural businesses and jobs in rural communities in 42 States and Puerto Rico. The funds are provided through the Housing Technical and Supervisory Assistance Grant, Rural Business Enterprise Grant, Rural Business Opportunity Grant, Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant, and Intermediary Relending programs. Funds are typically used to provide infrastructure, build industrial or business parks, provide planning and technical assistance, or establish revolving loan funds for local businesses. For a complete listing of loan and grant recipients announced today, visit www.rurdev.usda.gov.

RESOURCES

PAPERS AND REPORTS

- A team of researchers has published an article titled, "Science Priorities for Reducing the Threat of Invasive Species to Sustainable Forestry" in *BioOne*, an online collection of bioscience research journal articles. This article presents an interdisciplinary strategy of

research, development, and applications to reduce the threat of invasive species. It also offers recommendations to spur action by public and private entities that too often are slow, reluctant, or unable to act and recommendations to enhance the success of prevention and management actions. To view the article, visit www.bioone.org/bioone/?request=get-document&issn=0006-3568&volume=055&issue=04&page=0335#i0006-3568-055-04-0335-t101

- Environmental Defense has published a white paper titled, “The Landowner Incentive Program: Strategies for Long-term Effectiveness.” This report examines the Department of the Interior’s Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) two years after it was created. The three main areas discussed include state wildlife grants, challenges in keeping the LIP a distinct program, and difficulties in efficient delivery of funds. To view the report, visit http://www.environmentaldefense.org/documents/4483_LIPStrategies_June2005.pdf or <http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refid=76680>. For more information on the DOI’s Landowner Incentive Program, visit www.doi.gov/initiatives/landowner_incentive_program.html
- Call for papers/presentations for Participatory Research and Natural Resources Sessions for the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 7-11, 2006, Chicago, IL. 2006 will mark the 10th year of the Community Forestry Research Fellowship Program. As part of our celebration of this anniversary, we are planning a series of paper sessions and panel discussions for the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers. If you are interested in presenting in this series, please contact cffellow@nature.berkeley.edu or Marla Emery at memery@fs.fed.us.

HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES

- The National Association of State Foresters has published a manual titled, “A Stewardship Handbook for Family Forest Ownership.” This guide provides advice on planning, managing and protecting your woods, your investment and your environment. To view the guide, visit: <http://www.stateforesters.org/pubs/p&ghandbook.pdf> or <http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refid=76649>
- In a research project for the National Commission on Science for Sustainable Forestry, David Pilz has written a manual titled, “Guidelines for Participatory Biodiversity Inventory and Monitoring of Sustainable Forest Management.” This handbook presents guidelines on how to involve the public in participatory monitoring projects. Participatory monitoring is a process that has increased in popularity in the last several decades, reflecting the understanding that natural resource decisions are less controversial and more effective when stakeholders who have an interest in the results are involved in the process. The guidelines set forth in the manual are designed to help managers and scientists design and implement participatory monitoring projects. To view the manual, visit: <http://www.ifcae.org/projects/ncssf3/NCSSF-C8-2005FinalReport.pdf>

NEWSLETTERS/UPDATES

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GENERAL RESOURCES

American Forests. Visit their website at www.americanforests.org

Communities Committee of the Seventh American Forest Congress. Visit their website at www.communitiescommittee.org

National Network of Forest Practitioners. Visit their website at www.nnfp.org

Pinchot Institute for Conservation. Visit their website at www.pinchot.org

The National Community Forestry Center, Northern Forest Region, offers numerous community forestry-related documents available for free downloading. Check it out at www.ncfcnfr.net

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