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Upcoming events

BBB Shade Tree Advisory Committee Field Day: Saint Paul, August 15 (tentative)

Minnesota Phenology: How to monitor seasonal changes. Cloquet, August 17

Forest Adaptive Planning and Practices: Kenosha, WI, August 20-21

Wood Markets, and Past, Present and Future Processing Plans: An outlook of Woody Biomass Industry in Minnesota. Online, August 28

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Managing mixed stands: An ecological silviculture approach

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PREMISES:

Desired impacts:

Keep forest land forested

Increase productivity

Focus on adaptation:

Monitoring, awareness

Active management essential

Informed, forward looking



GENERAL STRATEGIES:

Use low-cost, accessible platforms to answer basic questions, e.g.:

How to find a forester?

What are my options?

What forest health issues should I watch for?

Accessible: Broadly defined



Offer workshops for deeper engagement, learning

Core audiences
Impact focus



Circle back: Use digital media to amplify, broaden reach

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Ecological silviculture in mixed stands: June 2013 workshop review

By Eli Sagor, UMN Extension

How do land managers “read the land” well enough to make long term decisions about the future composition and growth of their woods? One important tool is [ecological classification systems](#). ECS is a framework to identify native plant communities early on, when planning treatments to harvest mature trees and make decisions about what to favor for the next rotation. Early in June 2013 I attended a field workshop about [ECS-based silviculture](#) in mixed northern Minnesota woods offered by the University of Minnesota’s [Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative](#). I brought back a few stories and pictures to present here.

The workshop was led by Cheryl Adams of [UPM – Blandin Paper Company](#). All of the tour stops were on Blandin lands and reflect decisions that the company has made for its own land. John Almendinger of [MN DNR – Forestry](#), and Tony D’Amato of the [UMN Department of Forest Resources](#) also helped out with instruction.



CLIMATE STRATEGIES:

FOCUS ON FOREST HEALTH



COMBINE FORESTRY WITH CONTENT WITH BROADER APPEAL



INVITE, ENABLE DIALOGUE

3 Responses to “Tick-borne diseases in Minnesota”

Dennis Hummitzsch says:

[June 11, 2013 at 10:48 am](#) [\(Edit\)](#)

Note that a few cases of Rocky Mt Spotted Fever has been diagnosed on dogs in Intl Falls. Would like an updat on that prevalence and perhaps relation information on confirmed diseases in dogs/pets.

Rose Baglia says:

[June 11, 2013 at 1:04 pm](#) [\(Edit\)](#)

This is an excellent presentation! I have been treated for Lyme 5 times over the past few years! Always with Doxycycline- sometimes for 6 weeks or longer! I feel that this is a chronic condition that resurfaces annually! I have a lot of arthritis symptoms now. It is good to learn more about the current strains of this disease and alternative treatment strategies!

Erik Eggen Timberlane Forestry says:

[June 12, 2013 at 9:10 am](#) [\(Edit\)](#)

The best preventive measure is to spray your work pants, boots, cruisers vest and chaps with something that has permethrin as an active ingredient. I buy 6 or 8 cans at a time at Fleet Farm. Don't get it on your skin, but spray everything down, and let it dry. I don't wash my work clothes, but spray my pants

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August 2013

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Minnesota Tree Farm Inspector Training: Cloquet, September 19

Quality Deer Management Association Training: Cloquet, September 19

Midwest Residential Fuel



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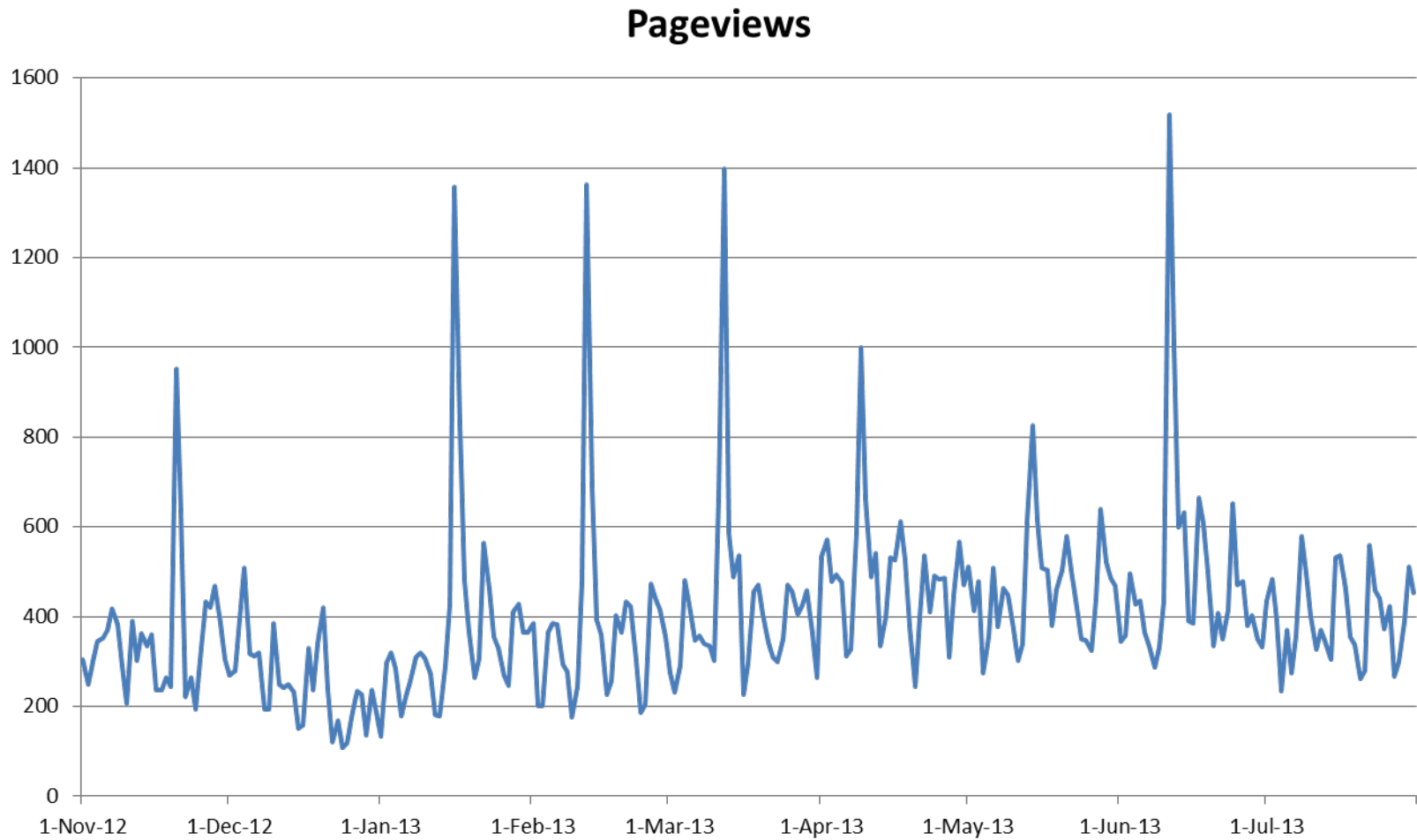


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March 2010

Upcoming events:

Intergenerational Land Transfer
Part 1, March 5, 10am-12pm

Property Tax & Incentive
Payments for Forest Land, March
5, 10am-12pm

Property Tax & Incentive
Payments for Forest Land, March
11, 10am-12pm

Big Lake Woody Biomass
Harvester Demonstration, March
12, 7:30am-12pm

Invasive Species & Forest Health
Workshop, March 16, 10am-12pm

[Find a forester!](#) New map of
Minnesota Stewardship Plan
writers

We've created a new online map to
help woodland owners find local
approved woodland Stewardship
Plan preparers. The new map
includes private consultants,
industry foresters, SARE and
DNR Forestry offices. Everyone on
the map is eligible to write plans that you'll need to
enroll in one of Minnesota's property tax and
incentive payment programs. [Check out the new
map here.](#)



[March Webinar: Carbon Credits
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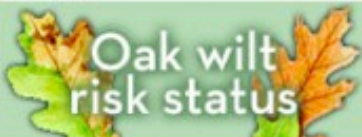
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Backyard tree care

One of the simplest things you can do to help the environment is to plant a tree.

The tree will be in your yard for decades.

But there is much more involved than just putting a tree in the ground. It is critical that you choose the right tree and the right location to get the most from your tree. To make your tree live longer, regular maintenance is necessary. These pages will help you select the right tree, plant it correctly, keep it healthy, and utilize it when it eventually dies. Also check the [Community Forestry page](#) for more tips.



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- Protect our Trees from Bad Bugs — [Don't Move Firewood](#)

Tree Planting

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Conversions

Repeated, deeper engagement

Build on core offerings: reinforce, add value

OAK WILT “WIDGET”

65% of traffic on oak wilt page comes from widget

45% go on to view other Extension content



SUMMARY

Adaptation

Combine broadcast + targeted education

Content: Forest health, surround with broadly appealing content, invite dialogue

Put it where they look

Focus on impact, measure “conversions”

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