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# Wisconsin Forestry Notes

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## Biomass harvesting guidelines review underway

The Wisconsin Council on Forestry is sponsoring a review of Wisconsin's Forestland Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines. A stakeholder advisory committee, assisted by a DNR technical team, is evaluating the guidelines with respect to new research, implementation experience and economic considerations to determine if the guidelines need to be revised. The review process began on January 30th and is expected to be completed by September 2013. The Biomass Harvesting Guidelines were initially developed and approved by the Council in 2008 with a stipulation that they be reviewed after three years to accommodate new research and operational issues. [The current guidelines and details of the review as it proceeds can be found online.](#)

*Program offers a tool to help protect large blocks of important forest land.*

## Forest Legacy Program invites applications

Landowners who have environmentally valuable forestland and are interested in pursuing opportunities to protect their property are invited to submit a grant application to the Forest Legacy Program by the April 15 deadline. The federal Forest Legacy Program grants funds to states to protect environmentally important forest land from conversion to non-forest uses. Wisconsin uses the funds to protect large blocks of forest land using conservation easements that focus on the sustainable use of forest resources. Wisconsin's Forest Legacy Program also helps provide more public access to forest lands for hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and other outdoor pursuits. Another focus is to keep forest land producing forest products that are important for Wisconsin's economy. To be eligible, landowners must be in one of [Wisconsin's Forest Legacy Areas](#) and be willing to obtain a Forest Stewardship Plan for the property. The property must be 75% forested or have additional trees planted to meet this requirement. Application materials are [available online](#). For more information contact [Forest Legacy Specialist Amy Singh](#) at 608-266-2388.

*Visit the DNR Website for an updated directory of foresters and the first issue of a nursery newsletter.*

## New Division resources available online

The [2013 Directory of Foresters](#) is now available on the DNR Website. Updates to the directory are also reflected in the online "[Forestry Assistance Locator](#)."

The Division's nursery program started a new electronic newsletter that will be published in January and July each year. "Nursery News" will share reforestation updates and offer tips for successful tree planting. [Read the first issue](#) online and [go here to subscribe](#) to this or any of the other external newsletters produced by the Division of Forestry.

*March 15 is the deadline for schools to order free Arbor Day seedlings for their 4th-grade students.*

*Use the email format of “\_\_@Wisconsin.gov” to reach DNR employees.*

*The Division has named several new team leaders and continues the hiring process for new foresters.*

*DNR is partnering with DATCP, the Small Business Association and others to coordinate a trade mission to China, the top importer of wood products from the U.S.*

## Seedlings help students celebrate Arbor Day

The Division offers free tree seedlings to Wisconsin fourth graders to commemorate Arbor Day (celebrated in Wisconsin on the last Friday in April each year). This program helps the students learn how trees benefit Wisconsin so encourage fourth-grade teachers in your school district to [apply for the Arbor Day seedlings](#) by March 15.

## Old email address format dropped

If you have DNR personnel in your email address book, make sure that the last part of the address is “@Wisconsin.gov” since the old format (“@dnr.state.wi.us”) no longer functions. The general format for the first part of the DNR email addresses is “First-Name.LastName” but there are a few exceptions. You can check on email addresses using [DNR’s online staff directory](#).

## Division is filling some vacancies

The Division recently welcomed several new leaders. [Becky Gray](#) joined DNR as the Forest Health Team Leader. Gray previously worked for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture in the gypsy moth “Slow the Spread” program and then the emerald ash borer program, organizing survey efforts and assisting with outreach. She has Bachelors of Science in both Forestry and Entomology, and an M.S. in Entomology.

[Jeff Roe](#) has been selected as the Urban Forestry Team Leader after serving as a DNR regional urban forestry coordinator for the past eight years. Prior to that he was an urban forestry coordinator in Montana for twelve years. [Nicole Potvin](#), previously the Forest Legacy and Conservation Easement Coordinator, is now the Private Forestry Team Leader, responsible for the statewide direction of the private forestry, forest tax and conservation easement programs in addition to supervision of staff within each of those areas. She joined the Division of Forestry in 1997 as a field forester.

[Janel Pike](#) has been named the Division’s Technology Services Section Chief. She earned a degree in Biological Aspects of Conservation, Geography and a Certificate in Environmental Studies and has been working for the DNR since 1994. Janel has been with the Division of Forestry for nine years, serving as the GIS Program Manager as well as the WisFIRS Project Manager.

Forest Products Specialist **Terry Mace** wrapped up a 32-year career with the Division at the end of 2012 and his immense contributions are missed. We expect to introduce a leader for the Forest Products Services Team in the next issue of this newsletter. The Division is also in the process of hiring a new group of field foresters.

## China trade mission planned for spring

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) invites businesses interested in growing their wood product exports to join the Wisconsin wood products mission to China on March 24 – April 2. Small to mid-sized Wisconsin forest product businesses are encouraged to [apply](#). Participants will take part in a premier trade show, one-on-one business meetings and receive individualized trade assistance. For more information, contact [Jennifer Lu](#) at 608-224-5102.

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