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Seeking The Greatest Good

WVIA's original documentary film Seeking the Greatest Good chronicles the legacy of Gifford Pinchot's conservation philosophy, and celebrates its surpassing value for understanding and solving the conservation challenges of our own era. The one-hour, high-definition presentation cinematically establishes Pinchot's vision of conservation to affect social justice as a force that shaped our nation. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Could the Discovery of Ancient Canoes Lead Researchers to an Underwater Indigenous Village?

A treasure trove of dugout boats could be just the beginning of what's left to find at the bottom of Madison's Lake Mendota. For thousands of years, people in what's now Wisconsin used fire and stone tools to fell and split trees. They hacked away excess limbs and hollowed out the center to make dugout boats. Today, two of those ancient canoes are sitting in a Madison warehouse, bathing in a preservative. [Read More](#)

Beyond the Barrel: Combating the Decline of the American White Oak

Every bourbon trail begins in the same place: the woods. Specifically, among the millions of acres of mature American white oak in the US. White oaks are critical to the bourbon making process for storage and flavor development. So, when bourbon makers heard that white oak populations are on the decline, that caught their attention. [Read More](#)

An Update on Invasive Plant Control

Dealing with invasive species on your property is never easy. Check out this article to learn the latest about invasive plants and what you can do to control them. [Read More](#)

Five Events Where You Can Celebrate Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday With Him This Summer

Smokey Bear, the iconic park ranger who has tirelessly promoted wildfire dangers to people across America, will celebrate his 80th birthday at events held across Wisconsin. Smokey's official birthday is Aug. 9, according to a news release from the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, but he's on a statewide tour, making appearances at events such as the Hmong Wausau Festival, a Trees for Tomorrow Forest Fest and the Wisconsin State Fair. [Read More](#)

Rain, Rain and More Rain – Good or Bad for Our Forests?

Rain, rain, and more rain can sum up our spring and summer so far this year – much to the dismay of forest professionals. Wet working conditions are typically frowned upon for people who make their living in the woods, and with good reason. Muddy landings, slimy woods roads, rutting skid trails, stuck equipment, and wet boots can cause headaches and lead to some extra unwanted days off. [Read More](#)

'Wood Vaulting': A Simple Climate Solution You've Probably Never Heard Of

Forests throughout the West are overgrown and full of flammable vegetation, fueling wildfires and carbon emissions. Could burying it help solve the problem? [Read More](#)

Woodland Steward Video Series Helps Explain Concepts of Forest Management

Forest management is a broad science that includes everything from timber to wildlife, vine and weed management, conservation and more. To help woodland owners understand each task, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has produced 31 YouTube videos known as the Iowa Woodland Steward Toolkit. The playlist highlights Iowa's woodlands by showcasing videos that are succinct, Iowa-centric, innovative and humorous, while also providing educational value. [Read More](#)

I Saw Conservation Grow

The document for this episode by Harry Kozel was recently acquired by the Manitowish Waters Historical Society. This 70 year old document looks back to area conservation into the late 19th and early 20th century. I saw Conservation Grow by Harry Kozel explores this time through stories from the Old Timers. [Listen Here](#)