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### **NASA Teams with Forest Service to Tally America's Oldest Trees;**

The story of the first ever national inventory of mature and old growth forests. The White House recently challenged the stewards of the public lands of the United States, including the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, to produce the first ever national inventory of mature and old growth forests. The next phase of the project will be augmented by NASA laser altimetry data from an instrument on the International Space Station. The GEDI instrument can provide detailed information on tree height and forest biomass, not just in the U.S., but all around the globe. [Watch Video](#)

### In the News

#### **New U.S. Timber Skyscraper Project Plans to Use 100K Cubic Feet of Lumber**

North America's largest mass timber project will rise to 31 stories and be built much faster than originally planned after developers "found a more efficient parking layout" that kept the same number of spaces while reducing the height of the parking structure within the building. That is according to Daniel Glassl, the Chief Product Officer for the Madison-based Neutral, who said the developer finally expects to begin site preparation in the coming months, with full construction on the tower to start in the second quarter. [Read More](#)

#### **LEAF Program Engages K-12 Students in Tree Seed Collection to Support Reforestation**

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's LEAF program, in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, is inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards through a hands-on tree seed collection initiative in the state's school forests. As part of the initiative, students learn about tree reproduction, seedling growth and the role forests play in sustainability. Seeds collected through this program will become the seedlings planted in school forests over the next two to three years, ensuring that these spaces continue to thrive for educational and environmental purposes. [Read More](#)

#### **The Need for Seed**

On a sunny September day, Natalie Kim, Seed Scout at The Nature Conservancy in Minnesota, is crawling on their hands and knees beneath a red oak tree, picking up acorns off the ground and tossing them into a five-gallon bucket. Natalie is excited to have found this tree in a park in Frontenac, Minnesota. Last year, there was a huge crop of acorns across the state. This year, not so much. But the ground around this tree is littered with seeds, and they continue to drop as Natalie collects them. [Read More](#)

#### **Wisconsin Farmer Uses 'Mock Beaver Dams' to Restore Wetlands**

Jay Dee Nichols stamped and packed stiff willow branches between maple wood posts, with muffled crunches. At 63, the semi-retired handyman from the Wisconsin city of Black River Falls has trapped beavers before. But he's never heard of a mock beaver dam - much less constructed one. "It gives you an appreciation for what beavers do," Nichols said over the shrill beeping of a skid loader. A scratch on his forearm oozed blood, drying into a scarlet smudge. "They're one of the hardest-working animals out there, I guess." [Read More](#)

#### **That's an Order — Trump's Tariffs to Hit Lumber Starting February 1!**

Donald Trump will follow through on his threat to hit Canadian (and Mexican) lumber with a 25% tariff after he today reiterated concerns around illegal migration, fentanyl and trade deficits: "I'll be putting the tariff of 25% on Canada, and separately, 25% on Mexico, and we'll have to do that," Trump told reporters while signing executive orders on aviation. [Read More](#)

#### **NASA and Japan Launch World's 1st Wooden Satellite into Orbit.**

NASA and Japan's space agency (JAXA) have officially launched the world's first wooden satellite into Earth orbit. The magnolia wood LignoSat is an attempt to make space junk biodegradable, potentially solving the growing problem of orbital debris. [Read More](#)

#### **Give To Wisconsin's Endangered Resources Fund This Tax Season**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages nature lovers to give to the Endangered Resources Fund on their Wisconsin income tax form. The fund has helped the DNR conserve hundreds of species in Wisconsin. Reasons to Give. [Read More](#)