

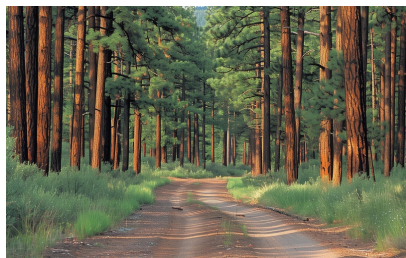


[Give to the Max 2025!](#)

It is an honor and a pleasure to invite you to be a Dovetail supporter—because together, we create success and partnership! Recently, the Dovetail team celebrated more than 20 years since our founding, reflecting on over 300 reports, articles, and projects, more than 100 internships, and the many partnerships and supporters who have made our work possible.

As we continue this journey, we're excited to celebrate Give to the Max Day today! This is Minnesota's annual celebration of generosity. Since its start in 2009, this statewide giving event has inspired nearly one million donors to contribute more than \$355 million to local nonprofits and schools. To join us in the celebration, donate today using the link below!

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[President Trump's Executive Orders Concerning the United States Forest Sector - Dovetail Partners' Opinions](#)

By: Ed Pepke, Teresa Floberg, Michael Snyder, Sarah Harris, Kathryn Fernholz, and Harry Groot

In March 2025 United States President Donald Trump issued two executive orders (EOs) affecting the forest sector worldwide. EO 14225, "Immediate Expansion of American Timber Production," aims broadly to increase harvests on national forests. EO 14223, "Addressing the threat to national security from imports of timber, lumber and their derivative products" aims at reducing imports of wood and paper products. These two EOs have proponents and opponents within and outside the forest sector, depending on impacts on diverse constituencies. The EOs cover various issues and make claims and directives for timely action by secretaries of four government agencies. In this opinion piece, Dovetail Partners considers the impacts on the US forest sector and its trading partners. We analyze some of the EOs' salient features and in considering the divergent viewpoints of those parties impacted, we offer our opinions. Overall the EOs and tariffs on wood and paper trade have created tremendous uncertainty in the global forest sector.

[Read the Article Here](#)



[Policy Identification Survey – We Need Your Insight!](#)

We invite you to take part in our Policy Identification Survey, a brief but important opportunity to help shape the direction of future policy work at the local, state, federal, and international levels. Your input will help us identify key policy activities and emerging priorities across these areas.

All responses will be carefully analyzed to generate meaningful research insights and inform future initiatives. Your voice directly contributes to smarter, more responsive policy development.

Thank you in advance for sharing your perspective and supporting this important effort!

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[Reminder: Our Q4 Webinar is coming up December 5th — sign up today!](#)

Dovetail Partners is offering quarterly webinars throughout 2025 to highlight [key topics and provide greater insight into issues addressed in our reporting](#). Our Q4 webinar will be presented by Dovetail Team members, guests, and partners; Moderated by Kathryn (Katie) Fernholz and will be discussing:

How to Grow a Tree, Hug a Tree, Cut a Tree, Plant a Tree

Forest Management & Forest Products: Our Experiences and Values

Friday, December 5th, 8:30-9:45am CST

Register for the Webinar
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[Celebrate women leading change in forestry and conservation!](#)

Join The Women's Forest Congress on December 9th, 1–2 p.m. ET for the Forest and Conservation Research Review, showcasing groundbreaking research and inspiring work across the field.

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[Last Call for Guest Speakers!](#)

Dovetail Partners invites guest speakers to participate in monthly team meetings. It's an opportunity for speakers to share their insights, expertise, ideas, and experiences with us. We are currently seeking recommendations for our 2026 guest speakers.

If you know of anyone that should be nominated to be a guest speaker or you would like to nominate yourself please click the button below to fill out our nomination form!

Updates & Recaps



Dovetail Folks out in the Forest

Led by Michael Snyder, the Sterling Town Forest field tour in Stowe, Vermont offered participants a firsthand look at forest management that balances ecosystem stewardship, wildlife habitat, and community recreation. Despite the rain, attendees, including Dovetail Board Member Marcella Windmuller-Campione, explored how intentionally placed gaps and retained trees are supporting diverse regeneration and forest bird communities. The tour sparked rich discussion, insightful observations, and an appreciation for this long-standing demonstration of *Silviculture with Birds in Mind*.

Michael Snyder - "I had the distinct honor of — and a modicum of trepidation about — leading a large group of distinguished silviculturists from the US and beyond on a short, very wet tour of forest management at Sterling Town Forest in my hometown of Stowe, Vermont. The multi-day "Silviculture Instructors Tour" held annually in advance of the Society of American Foresters' Annual Meeting (this year in Hartford, CT) was coordinated by Dr. Tony D'Amato and others at the University of Vermont and included other stops in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. The Sterling Forest tour focused on the land use and conservation history of the parcel and its current expression as a beloved local hot-spot of outdoor recreation (hiking, skiing, hunting, mountain biking, and snowmobiling) and the home of the earliest testing and demonstration sites for the original Foresters for The Birds initiative and its Silviculture with Birds in Mind silvicultural options, of which I was a co-founder and co-author. I am pleased to report that despite my nervousness about baring my silvicultural soul and work product to this group of experts and the rain that doused us, the first entry expanding gap irregular shelterwood (in this case known as a "Snyderschlag" with a humble hat-tip to the Femelschlag) seemed to have worked, both in terms of native tree regeneration and increased forest bird diversity as well as excellent dialog, keen observations and kind reviews, and helpful suggestions for the next management iteration."

Marcella Windmuller-Campione - "On a rainy Monday afternoon, I along with 42 other silviculturists attending the silviculture instructor's tour which celebrated its 60th year got to hear and explore forest management which is stewarding ecosystems, supporting bird and wildlife communities, providing a range of community activities AND is a working forest! I got to see how intentionally placed gaps and residential trees are supporting a range of regenerating species."



Chipping Event Recap

Reflection By: Gloria Erickson

"September was a busy month for chipping massive hazardous woody debris piles collected by landowners during our community drop off and curbside pick up events. It was an honor to receive grant funding from NFPA and State Farm in recognition of the work Dovetail has done to assist communities in St. Louis County in their wildfire resiliency efforts. Also, assisting in funding these events was the St. Louis County Community Wildfire Defense grant award.

This year we were able to plan and organize four major events in St. Louis county. One hundred private landowners contributed 2,615 volunteer hours in removing hazardous woody debris from their properties. Those property owners removed approximately 3,730 cubic yards of hazardous woody debris. This is equivalent to 187 roll off dumpsters."

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