Why Are We Avoiding Using Trees?

December 11th from 9:30am - 10:45am EST

We'll explore how renewable, tree-based materials can help reduce our reliance on plastics, especially in packaging.

Hear from our speakers, Melissa LaCasse, CEO and Co-Founder of Tanbark Molded Fiber Products, and Dr. M. Soledad Peresin, Director of Clemson University's Wood Utilization + Design Institute, as they share insights on innovative bio-based materials, emerging technologies, and the potential of wood fiber to replace traditional plastics. Discover how advances in manufacturing and research are creating new opportunities for forest-based products and helping build a more sustainable, circular bioeconomy.



Register for the Webinar Here!



Dovetail Partners Highlighted in Boreal Compass Guide to Northern Minnesota Climate Adaptation Resources

In a recent Boreal Compass Substack post, Sam Reed explores the network of organizations, programs, and resources supporting climate adaptation efforts across northern Minnesota. The article aims to help readers better understand the region's adaptation landscape and connect with the people and tools advancing climate resilience. Among the organizations highlighted is Dovetail Partners, recognized for its work supporting wildfire resilience, prescribed fire, and Fire Adapted Communities initiatives throughout the Upper Midwest.

Read the Full Guide Here!



Guest Article - Minnesota Decorative Forest Products

By: Kathleen Preece

As we head into the holiday season and begin to “deck the halls,” have you ever wondered where the greenery in wreaths, garlands, and centerpieces comes from? In a guest article, Dovetail Associate Kathleen Preece explores Minnesota's decorative forest products industry and highlights concerns about the illegal harvest of holiday greens. Learn more through her article and the Minnesota Decorative Forest Products PowerPoint, and consider asking a few simple questions when purchasing decorative forest products: Where were the materials harvested, and what practices were used to protect the forest?

Read the Full Article Here!

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Give to the Max 2026!

Today is Give to the Max Day, a special opportunity to celebrate generosity and support nonprofit organizations making a difference in their communities. At Dovetail, we're grateful for the many partners, supporters, and friends who have helped advance our mission over the past 20+ years. Together, we've completed more than 300 reports, articles, and projects, hosted more than 100 internships, and built partnerships that help strengthen forests, communities, and sustainable economies. Through research, education, convening, and collaboration, we work to provide trusted, science-based information that supports informed decision-making. We know meaningful progress happens when people come together to share knowledge and invest in long-term solutions. If you'd like to support Dovetail's work, we invite you to join us as we continue carrying this work forward.

Support Dovetail's Work Here!

Updates & Recaps



Good Fire Returns to Minnesota Point - Event Recap

By: Abby Andrus

For the first time in 180 years, good fire was brought back to Minnesota Point, a historic milestone for this unique sandbar pine forest ecosystem. The successful burn operation was the result of more than a year of work by a collaborative team representing 12 agencies and organizations, alongside crews from the Minnesota DNR, the City of Duluth, and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The return of ishkode honors the deep ecological and cultural significance of this landscape while supporting its future vitality. In this recap, written by Dovetail's Abby Andrus, learn how this partnership brought the spirit of good fire back to Minnesota Point.

Read the Full Recap Here!



Guest Speaker Nominations

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 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!

Fill out the Form Here!



Policy Identification Survey – We Need Your Insight!

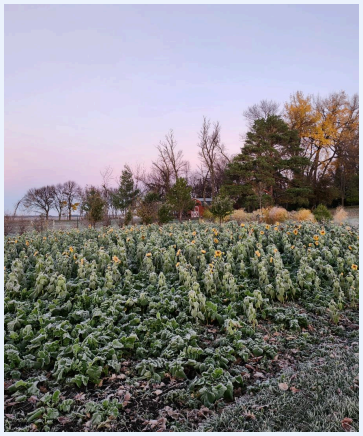
We invite you to take part in our Policy Identification Survey, a brief but important opportunity to help shape the direction of future policy work at the local, state, federal, and international levels. Your input will help us identify key policy activities and emerging priorities across these areas.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

Fill out the Survey Here!

In and About the Woods!

Each month, Dovetail team members are invited to share what they are seeing, doing, or experiencing in and around the woods, from personal land to public green spaces and places they visit.

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Dovetail President & CEO Katie captured this photo of the first fall frost on the cover crop in her family's garden in Lac qui Parle County, Minnesota, on November 6, more than a month after the area's average first fall frost date of September 28.

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