



[Last Chance to Register for Dovetail's Q2 Webinar A Walk in the Woods](#)

June 12th 9:30-10:45am Eastern

Join Dovetail team members and partners in virtual forest visits to talk about management choices and land relationships.

[Register for the Webinar Here!](#)



Congratulations Gloria!

Gloria Erickson is retiring after over a decade guiding Dovetail's community based wildfire resiliency work as the Minnesota Fire Adapted Communities Project Coordinator. Gloria's work empowering landowners, coordinating partners, and guiding planning efforts has been instrumental in increasing the resiliency of communities across Minnesota's Arrowhead and deepening our understanding of how to thrive in fire adapted forests.

Please join us in congratulating Gloria and wishing her a happy retirement!



[Dovetail's Nia Moses Becker to Present at Women Owning and Appreciating Woodlands \(WOAW\) Weekend](#)

Dovetail Associate Nia Moses Becker will be presenting at the inaugural Women Owning and Appreciating Woodlands (WOAW) Weekend hosted by the Michigan Forest Association this summer!

From June 26–28 at Camp Greilick in Traverse City, Michigan attendees will explore forest stewardship, Michigan ecosystems, and more through hands-on sessions led by natural resource professionals. Nia will lead a session titled Fire in our Forests.

[Register Here!](#)



[The Quest for Common Ground by Mark Jacobs](#)

The Quest for Common Ground is a compelling series of interviews that brings together voices from across our region, each offering a unique perspective on the issues that shape our communities. Through thoughtful conversations with individuals closely connected to these topics, Mark Jacobs explores where viewpoints differ and where they unexpectedly align. This Guest Article highlights the importance of listening, understanding, and finding shared ground in an increasingly divided landscape.

Originally published in the Voyageur Press of McGregor

[Read the Article Here!](#)



[Coming Home with Ideas: Takeaways from Finland, Nearly 20 Years in the Making](#)

Commentary by Kathryn Fernholz, President/CEO, Dovetail Partners

"In April, I visited Joensuu, Finland for the 10th Karelia Symposium nearly two decades after visiting as a participant in the Seeing the Forest AND the Trees Study Tour. Throughout my return, I held three questions in my mind: What Finnish innovations are ready to grow in the U.S. market? How has the sustainability conversation in Finland shifted over time? And what challenges are shaping Finland today? I was grateful to come home with answers and insights for all three."

[Read More Here!](#)

Updates & Recaps



[Learning Lab Recording: Connecting People to Forest Careers: Messaging, Pathways and Sector Momentum](#)

The U.S. Forest and Wood Products Sector Inclusion Council held a webinar on Thursday, May 14th. Whether you're working in a recruitment role, just beginning to explore forestry or already on a career path, this Learning Lab offers a grounded, real-world look at how people are being connected to careers across the forest sector.

[View the Recording Here!](#)



[Mass Timber: Turning Opportunity into Impact \(RECAP\)](#)

ICYMI: Last month, Katie Fernholz of Dovetail Partners joined Team Pennsylvania and other forest leaders for a conversation on the economic opportunities connected to mass timber. The discussion highlighted growing interest in how mass timber can strengthen forest products industries and create new opportunities for rural communities. Dovetail Partners is excited to continue collaborating with Team Pennsylvania through efforts like the Great Lakes Mass Timber Collaborative and to help connect Pennsylvania stakeholders to this growing regional ecosystem.

Interested in getting involved in Pennsylvania's mass timber efforts or receiving the webinar recording? Contact Team Pennsylvania at agriculture@teampa.com.



[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. Photos are always welcome, and the newsletter will feature a few highlights to celebrate the ever changing forest and the many ways people can engage with it.

May 2026



Nia Moses Becker assisted with a prescribed burn at Misty Acres in northern Michigan, where crews worked within a short spring “burn window” to improve native grass growth and reduce invasive species.

As part of a multi-organization effort through the Northern Michigan Fire Collaborative, she helped monitor firelines from a UTV “engine,” ensuring the fire stayed within its intended boundaries. Her role included putting out spot flames and creating wet lines to support a safe and successful burn.

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