



# Compass Points

## June News from Wisconsin's Green Fire

### Big Success with our Summer Solstice Match Campaign!

Thanks to over 135 donors, we raised over \$28,000 during our summer solstice match campaign from June 1st to 20th! The WGF community showed up in big ways and we are truly grateful. With the match, we're over \$43,030!

**THANKS TO YOU, WE DID IT!**

To everyone who contributed to our summer solstice match campaign June 1-20,  
THANK YOU! We are *deeply* grateful for your support.  
What an amazing community of voices for conservation!

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WGF's Summer Solstice Fundraising Match | Details at [wigreenfire.org](http://wigreenfire.org)

Whether or not you participated in this fundraiser, we'd like to hear from you about supporting WGF. **Will you answer our one-question survey?** Click the button below or use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/why-i-support-WGF>. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and for your support!

[Click Here for the One-Question Survey](#)



## Register for Prairie Day | In-person Event on August 16



Sat., Aug. 16, 2025 | 12:30-3:00pm |  
Birnamwood WI | [Register here](#)

Join us for an afternoon exploring a restored prairie in Central Wisconsin.

- Free, family-friendly event. *(Donations welcome!)*
- Presentation and prairie walk with Neil Diboll, award-winning author and ecologist from Prairie Nursery.
- Meet real-life raptors with Marge Gibson of Raptor Education Group, Inc (REGI).

When you register, you will get the full address and other event information. We encourage you to bring your own chairs and dress for the weather!

### Register for WGF's Prairie Day Event (Free)

## Green Fire Cafe - "Growing Wild" on July 2

We meet monthly via Zoom on first Wednesdays for our free virtual event series **Green Fire Cafe**.

Join us next time on **July 2, 2025 at 3:00-4:00pm** for our theme of "Growing Wild." This month, consider bringing a drink or snack made of wild ingredients, or a treasured object from a wild place you love.

**All are welcome** at these online conservation socials to share stories, ask questions, and make connections.



- Wednesday, July 2, 2025
- 3:00-4:00pm
- Monthly via Zoom
- Come as you are
- All are welcome!

[wgreenfire.org/events](https://wgreenfire.org/events)

### Details and registration for Green Fire Cafe

**Company explores for copper and gold in national forest in northern Wisconsin**



A contractor for Green Light Wisconsin LLC (GLW) was to begin exploratory drilling in late June 2025 into a known deposit of copper-bearing sulfide ore within the Chequamegon National Forest in Taylor County.

Wisconsin's Green Fire works with the Sierra Club and the River Alliance of Wisconsin to monitor metallic mineral exploration and mining proposals across northern Wisconsin.

Figure 1 – Plan view of the Bend Project showing Phase 1 drill hole locations (green circles) targeting extensions along the eastern margin of the deposit.



Map of planned drilling locations in the Bend Deposit. Image via GLW news release 12Jun25.

## Read more on the exploratory drilling in Taylor County

## Board reaffirms and endorses WGF efforts in face of federal changes

The pace of change and the scale of damage at the federal level to conservation and environmental protection (not to mention numerous other areas of life) can feel destabilizing.

[In this blog post](#), we share two examples from our Board of Directors about the internal workings at WGF in addressing the federal changes.



Photo: Dragonfly on lotus, via Pixabay.

## Read more about the WGF Board actions

## Letter Urging Senate to Support USGS Ecosystems Mission Area Funding and Workforce



Although we typically focus on Wisconsin-specific issues, we're taking more action at the federal level this year too. That includes [WGF's recent letter](#) opposing funding cuts for the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Ecosystems Mission Area (EMA).

If you value scientific research,

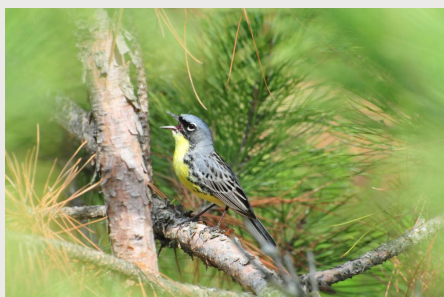
Prairie grassland flowers on the Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center campus in La Crosse, with USGS silos pictured in the background. Photo by Anna Hess, USGS, public domain

Wisconsin's science centers and science jobs that matter for wildlife, fish, and human health, consider reaching out to your elected officials and sharing your views.

## Read our Letter to US Senate Leaders

### Two Essays by Dr. Stan Temple on the Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Dr. Stan Temple is a world-renowned conservation biologist who researched and helped protect many of the world's most critically endangered birds. As a [WGF Ambassador](#), he wrote two essays this past month to share some of the history and importance of laws like the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. The power and implementation of these environmental laws (and the survival of animals, places, and natural resources they protect) face threats under the current federal Administration.



#### 1) ["Conservation history ignored to weaken the Endangered Species Act"](#)

Most everyone knows the old adage about those who ignore history being doomed to relearn its lessons all over again. The federal government has recently proposed a rule that would no longer recognize...

Read Dr. Temple's essay on the Endangered Species Act (ESA)



#### 2) ["Is killing birds a necessary evil if it benefits a special interest?"](#)

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries there was a large-scale industry based on killing birds for profit and personal gain. The unregulated business of market hunting is estimated to have killed...

Read Dr. Temple's essay on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)

### Wisconsin PFAS Summit in Wausau

On June 4-5, 2025, Wisconsin's Green Fire participated in the first in-





Photo: Attendees at the PFAS Summit, including WGF's Policy Director, Paul Heinen.

person summit of the statewide PFAS coalition. We work closely with these coalition partners with virtual weekly meetings.

This in-person gathering focused on community efforts over the last 7+ years to clean up PFAS in drinking water. Our role as WGF has been providing scientific, regulatory, and policy information to address PFAS in Wisconsin.

[Read about the PFAS Summit in Wausau](#)

## Get Involved in Conservation

### 10 Current Job Opportunities with Conservation and Science Non-profits in Wisconsin:

1. [Executive Director](#) with Wisconsin Lakes
2. [Development Director](#) with Wisconsin Conservation Voters
3. [Director of Development](#) with Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance
4. [Communications Associate](#) with Audubon Great Lakes
5. [Office Manager](#) with 1000 Friends of Wisconsin
6. [Conference Coordinator](#) with Wisconsin Wetland Association
7. [Program Assistant](#) with Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin
8. [Conservation Land Manager](#) with Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum
9. [Agroforestry Research Specialist](#) with Savanna Institute
10. [STEM Educator & Outreach Coordinator](#) with Children's Museum of Eau Claire

For more ways to get involved in WGF activities, visit our [Events page](#) or [Contact Us](#) via email or phone.

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## WGF In The News

- **Wisconsin Public Radio** - Jun 13 - [Petition seeks state listing of wolves as bills seek to remove federal protections](#)
  - Also published in [Great Lakes Now](#) on Jun 16
- **Wisconsin Examiner** - May 29 - [DOGE cancels lease of USGS Rice Lake water monitoring office](#)
- **Pierce County Journal** - May 28 - [WISPOLITICS: Fence-out wolves to prevent livestock kills? Impractical, ag groups say](#)
- **WSAW** - May 23 - [Rep. Miresse, state lawmakers look to pass bill](#)

**Wisconsin's Green Fire (WGF) needs your support.** Your donation assures that conservation issues around the state are addressed with the best scientific information available. **Thank you!**

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Online**

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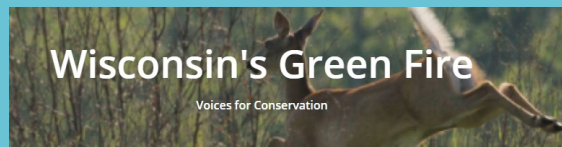
- For greatest impact, give a [gift membership](#) in WGF!
- Shop our [logo-wear apparel](#) to show your support for WGF.
- Buy chapters of [The Ecological Landscapes of Wisconsin](#) and get to know our state's lands and waters. WGF receives a portion of proceeds.

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*June 27, 2025 | Background image of wild ginger and columbine at Schmeeckle Preserve by Carolyn Pralle, June 2025*

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