

Sustainable Forests
Education Cooperative
Member Organizations:

Association of County Land
Commissioners

Blandin Foundation

Boise Cascade

County Land Departments

Aitkin
Beltrami
Carlton
Cass
Clearwater
Crow Wing
Hubbard
Koochiching
Lake
St. Louis

Hedstrom Lumber Company

MN Center for
Environmental Advocacy

MN DNR Division of
Forestry

MN DNR Section of
Wildlife

MN Chippewa Tribes
Fond du Lac
Grand Portage
Leech Lake
White Earth

MN Forest Resources
Council

MN Forest Stewardship
Program

The Nature Conservancy,
Minnesota Chapter

Potlatch

Red Lake Tribal DNR

Sappi Fine Paper

Soil and Water Conservation
Districts

Aitkin County
Carlton County
Crow Wing County
Itasca County

St. John's University
Arboretum

University of Minnesota
College of Natural
Resources
Natural Resources
Research Institute
Minnesota Extension
Service

UPM Kymmene Blandin

USFS National Forests
Superior
Chippewa

Woodland Advisor Program

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Dear SFEC members,

Greetings to all of you on a late October fall day. The feedback from the first monthly newsletter has been positive, so here is number two! As a reminder, the purpose of this newsletter is to stay in better touch with you, the member contacts of the Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative. Of course you are welcome to start a file folder for the newsletters, but you are also welcome to "read and toss!"

- ① More than half of the FY 06 dues have been paid as of today. Thank you!
- ① College of Natural Resources merger – I have volunteered to be on the New College Working Group "Outreach and Engagement." The purposes of the working groups are 1) to support the Task Force in completing its charge from the Provost by providing recommendations regarding the working group area, and 2) to provide additional direction to the New College leadership as all proceed in creating the new college. (See the Task Force charge statement at <http://www.newcollege.umn.edu/charge.html>). The meeting timeline is aggressive, and I've been unable to attend (in person or by phone) the first two meetings due to conflicts. I hope to assure that SFEC is recognized and well positioned to contribute to the New College's outreach and continuing education efforts.
- ① Certificate Course in Ecosystem Silviculture - update. Check the SFEC website to see module agendas and materials. Some of the extra handouts can be viewed and read. In particular, the reading assignment for Module 5 is described in detail. Within a few months we expect to have meeting dates for groups 2 and 3, which will start next summer. As soon as those are determined, people will be able to register.
- ① Timber Sale Design and Appraisal – collaboration with MN DNR Division of Forestry: with one last-minute cancellation, we filled nine of the 10 spots allocated to SFEC (non-DNR) participants. Thanks to Adam Munstenteiger and Dave Schipper for sharing this training opportunity with others.

- ① Vermilion Community College Natural Resource Advisory Committee – last spring Ron Severs nominated me to take his place on this committee. It is an honor and a privilege. The first meeting was last week in Ely. The committee's charge is to provide review and advice on the curriculum and program design for the natural resource technician, wildlife and land surveying degrees. In addition, the natural resource technician program is up for state-level review this year, led by Lori Schmidt, Natural Resource Program Coordinator. The Advisory Committee will assist Lori in that endeavor.
- ① January 2006 Forest and Wildlife Research Review: details are coming together for this annual program. If you have suggestions about local or regional research in forestry or wildlife, please contact me soon so that we can investigate those leads.

Keep in touch!

Sincerely,

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