

Sustainable Forests
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County Land Departments

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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

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Soil and Water Conservation
Districts

Aitkin County
Carlton County
Crow Wing County
Itasca County
Koochiching County

St. John's University
Arboretum

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Minnesota Extension
Service

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USFS National Forests
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Chippewa

Woodland Advisor Program

November 28, 2005

Dear SFEC members,

Greetings! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend. I enjoyed some time in International Falls, including checking out the Tilson Creek ski trail and adjoining state forest.

- ① The **5th annual Forest and Wildlife Research Review** will take place on Wednesday, January 11, at UMD in the Bohannon 90 lecture hall. Encourage staff and colleagues to attend this workshop. Each year approximately 225 managers from forestry, wildlife, and other related disciplines have attended and found this to be a great way to learn about the breadth of research being conducted on and in our forests.
- ① **SFEC website updates:** we have a new URL for the website – www.cnr.umn.edu/sfec. Proceedings from the Great Lakes Silviculture Summit and agendas from past Research Reviews can be viewed and downloaded from the Conference Summaries page. If you have suggestions to improve the SFEC website, please don't hesitate to share your ideas with us.
- ① On-line workshop: **Teaching at a Distance**. Starting in early January, Eli Sagor, forestry extension educator, and I are taking a five-week, on-line course on distance education. We are interested in finding out how we might apply this teaching approach to non-industrial private landowners and natural resource professionals. If you would like to look at the course syllabus, please visit the website www.learnerassociates.net/tad/. We are interested in your thoughts about this approach for delivering information.
- ① Upcoming workshops: look for the **Winter Spring 2006 Calendar of Events** in your mailboxes in the second half of December. It looks like interest has waned in the field data collection workshop, so that won't be happening soon. The next iteration of introductory Guidelines workshops will occur next summer in southeastern Minnesota. To get a copy of revised Guidelines book (the gold book), contact Stephanie Oberg at 218-726-6401.

- ① Another group... I have joined the *Natural Resources Management & Utilization* (NRM&U) Extension group, coordinated by Eli Sagor, in order to learn more about their team, to identify collaboration opportunities, and to work together as appropriate. We have regular meetings (accessible via conference call and in-person) to discuss projects and identify areas of cooperation.

- ① Identifying *Continuing Education Needs in Natural Resources Economics* for Minnesota's natural resource managers through an on-line survey: Last week Lori Golightly, a UMN College of Natural Resources student working with Mike Kilgore, sent an e-mail asking you to forward the survey to your staff. Please help Lori complete this initial needs assessment by encouraging your staff to complete the survey. If you didn't get the e-mail, or deleted it, here is the URL:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?A=98766491E83443>
Thank you.

- ① Mechanical Engineering 101 – *Statics*: This fall I audited a mechanical engineering class in statics to assess my aptitude for and interest in further study in tree biomechanics. After what I've learned so far, I am very pleased that engineers are so highly regulated.

Keep in touch!

Sincerely,

Louise Levy
Coordinator