

Sustainable Forests
Education Cooperative
Member Organizations:

Ainsworth Engineered USA

Association of County Land
Commissioners

Blandin Foundation

Boise Cascade

County Land Departments

Aitkin
Beltrami
Carlton
Cass
Clearwater
Crow Wing
Hubbard
Koochiching
Lake
Pine
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
Koochiching County

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Service

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Chippewa

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Dear SFEC members,

- ① **REPORT: 5th annual Forest and Wildlife Research Review.** Many of the oral presentations and all abstracts are now on the SFEC website: www.cnr.umn.edu/sfec. Greg Russell, MN DNR Forestry and MN Society of American Foresters past chair, was so impressed with the keynote speaker, Dr Richard Stewart, that he suggested Dr Stewart be asked to present his research on intermodal transportation and forest products movement at the SAF meeting in March. (Unfortunately, Dr. Stewart declined to post his presentation on the SFEC website. So if you missed the Research Review, sorry!)
- ① **New Postings on SFEC website:** With the new hard copy calendar format and increasing use of the website comes the opportunity to be more fluid / flexible in listing training opportunities that don't get to us in time for the twice yearly calendar mailing. Take a look at the website for newly posted workshops such as *Owls on the Move* and *Vegetation Monitoring for Land Managers*.
- ① **New SFEC members:** Pine County Land Department, Ainsworth Engineered USA. Welcome!
- ① **MN Natural Resources Conference:** I submitted with Beth Jacqumain, Aitkin Co Assistant Land Commissioner, an abstract on the Certificate Course in Ecosystem Silviculture. The gist of the abstract is that this training model has been effective in:
 - 1) helping forest land managers move from a conceptual understanding of ecological classification to successful application of the classification tools; and
 - 2) encouraging their contribution of professional expertise to the future development of silvicultural guides for Minnesota's forests.

Keep in touch!

Sincerely,

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