

**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 Chippewa Tribes

Fond du Lac  
Grand Portage  
Leech Lake  
White Earth

MN DNR

Division of Forestry  
Wildlife Mgmt Section

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  
Wadena County

St. John's University  
Arboretum

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

UPM – Blandin Paper Mill

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Superior  
Chippewa

Woodland Advisor Program

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Dear SFEC members,

This summer has been busy and full... much the same for all of you, I imagine. The monthly SFEC newsletters skipped the month of July because we were so busy getting ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> training groups of the Certificate Course in Ecosystem Silviculture. Below are some updates on what we've been working on.

- ❖ *Online workshop registration:* this seems to be going more or less smoothly. The most confusion seems to be with DNR offices, which seem to have more steps to move through. But we're getting those ironed out.
- ❖ *Forest Roads and Skid Trails workshops:* both sessions filled up quickly – the registration limit was low to keep group size small. Our plan (MLEP and SFEC) is to offer at least two sessions in Spring 2007. This has been a tremendously time and labor intensive training development effort, co-sponsored by 8 groups: Great Lakes Commission, MN Erosion Control Assoc, MnDOT, MN DNR, North and South St Louis Co SWCDs, MLEP, SFEC, and BWSR. The MN Erosion Control Assoc has leveraged this effort by holding its own trainings immediately following these.
- ❖ *Forest Management Guidelines and Protecting Site Quality Training in SE Minnesota:* despite the DNRs expressed need for this training in SE Minnesota, registration for these two workshops by natural resource managers has been disappointingly low. This is another time and instructor-intensive training to put on.
- ❖ *Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce Forest Affairs Committee:* I was invited to give a brief presentation on the Ecosystem Silviculture course to this group on August 25. Some of them are pretty good at identifying understory plants and they didn't mind getting their fingers in some dirt!

Keep in Touch!

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