

**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

USFS National Forests  
Superior  
Chippewa

Woodland Advisor Program

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Dear SFEC members,

Membership dues invoices for fiscal year 2007 were mailed in early October. Thanks to those of you who have already sent in your dues payments. Your contribution to the Education Cooperative is appreciated and so important to continued operations.

- ❖ *Development Leave:* This fall I applied and was approved for a spring semester 2007 leave to support a growing interest in tree biomechanics. Carrie Pike, Research Fellow for the Minnesota Tree Improvement Cooperative, will work 20% time for SFEC. I will be enrolled in a mechanical engineering (statics) and an upper level French course at UMD, and will familiarize myself with the wood strength testing lab at NRRI. I anticipate spending 20% to 30% of this time on SFEC responsibilities and 70% to 80% on course work. (Why French?! Because if I get into a PhD program, I would like to conduct my research on pruning and biomechanics in France and Germany. My German is good enough but my French is rusty.)
- ❖ *University Administrative Changes:* On October 1 Bob Stine started a full time position as Associate Dean in St Paul. Ron Severs will serve as interim Coordinator of the Cloquet Forestry Center for a year, possibly longer. A new dean has been named for CFANS – Dr. Allen Levine, professor and head of the Department of Food Science and Nutrition.
- ❖ *Certificate Course in Ecosystem Silviculture:* Forty-one trainees completed the fifth of six modules this month. I will be presenting a talk on the course at the national Society of American Foresters conference in Pittsburgh on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Evaluation and planning for future offerings of the course will begin in January.
- ❖ *Forest Roads and Forest Management Guidelines workshops:* two sessions of the Forest Roads workshop and one each of Introduction to Forest Management Guidelines and Protecting Site Quality are planned for Spring 2007.

Thank you for your continued support – Keep in Touch!

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Coordinator