

**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

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,

If only it had been colder the past few days... there would be feet of snow on the ground!

- ❖ *Insect and Disease issues and native plant communities:* In the November 17 issue of the Forest Insect and Disease newsletter (MN DNR Forestry), there is an article by Jana Albers comparing floristic regions (northern and central) and jack pine budworm activity. It's worth reading to get a sense of the power of ecological classification system information.
- ❖ *Developmental Leave:* Carrie Pike, Stephanie Oberg and I are meeting regularly to plan for the work to be done during my leave.
- ❖ *CFANS, SFEC and the Cloquet Forestry Center:* There is discussion underway to decide where CFC and the Extension Regional Outreach Centers will be located administratively in the new college. Possibilities include CFC being administered by a department, or the ROCS and CFC being a separate administrative unit that reports to Dean Levine, along with the departments. This is important to SFEC because its mission focuses on technology transfer and information exchange not just in forestry, but in wildlife, aquatic resources, forest ecology, etc. That's why SFEC was housed in the Dean's office of CNR, not in a department. Where SFEC goes relative to the new home of CFC is unclear.
- ❖ *Winter Spring 2007 Calendar of Events:* the next calendar should be in the mail by late December. Please let us know if addresses or names need to be updated.
- ❖ *Minnesota – A History of the Land: Episode V:* If you haven't yet seen this newest episode, what are you waiting for?! Episode V highlights the northern forest, including special footage of Dr. Bud Heinselman and the first Ecosystem Silviculture training group!

Cheers – Keep in Touch!

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