

**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,

I spent a day in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan this week. It sure was nice to see snow piles six that are feet high and groomed ski trails... discovered a great pasty bakery, too!

- ❖ *New and revised plant plates:* I have hired Jason Johnson, UMN masters student in forestry, to work with John Almendinger and me to create new and revise old plant plates. This 86-page document, currently available in PDF or paper copy, provides identification and ecological information on a variety of plants in Minnesota. It's especially useful if you are interested in identifying plants to classify forest stands. If you'd like a pdf file or hard copy, please let me know.
- ❖ *Developmental Leave:* Carrie Pike, Stephanie Oberg and I have things in order for my leave (January 16 – May 11, 2007). I will be in contact by e-mail; my phone calls will go to Carrie.
- ❖ *CFANS, SFEC and the Cloquet Forestry Center:* There are no changes anticipated for SFEC either in physical location or administrative oversight. The Cloquet Forestry Center will belong to a new CFANS division for regional outreach centers. CFANS departments have been grouped into other divisions.
- ❖ *Upcoming workshops:* the two introductory Guidelines training workshops (Intro and Protecting Site Quality) will be held in Bemidji and Cloquet this spring. Two sessions of the Forest Roads workshop will be held. Registration again will be limited.
- ❖ *Educational Needs Assessment survey:* In January and February we will conduct a formal continuing education needs assessment survey of SFEC members. You will receive in the mail a copy of the survey to help you determine your organization's training needs for the next one to five years.

Happy New Year!

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