

**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 Food,  
Agricultural and Natural  
Resource Sciences

Natural Resources  
Research Institute

Minnesota Extension  
Service

UPM – Blandin Paper Mill

USFS National Forests  
Superior  
Chippewa

Woodland Advisor Program

May 31, 2007

Dear SFEC members,

Louise is back at work full time after a semester spent in the mechanical engineering department at UMD. Carrie is back in the woods planting seedlings and measuring trees. It's an adjustment!

- ❖ *Minnesota Forest Management Guidelines:* The guidelines trainings held in early May were a resounding success! Approximately 225 people, a mix of loggers and foresters, attended the trainings. We were fortunate that the weather cooperated and our instructors were excellent. Thanks to all who participated to help us meet the objectives of the training, and especially to Dave and Chris of MLEP for their help in organizing this important event.
- ❖ *Continuing Education Needs Assessment:* Got EAB worries? Don't know about it yet? Either way, you'll want to attend a future SFEC workshop about Emerald Ash Borer! This was just one of several common themes that emerged from the needs assessment survey. The final "group" discussion/assessment was held last week at the SWCD meeting in McGregor. Whether you got biomass, EAB, GIS, or other acronyms on your mind please send your ideas so they can be incorporated into future workshops.
- ❖ *Summer Fall 2007 Calendar of Events:* please look for the calendar in your mailboxes around the end of June. If you've ever wanted to know how to interpret glacial landforms from a topo map, and figure out soil characteristics from THAT information, then there's a workshop for you this summer. Stay tuned!
- ❖ *Construction at the Cloquet Forestry Center:* we anticipate completion of and permission to occupy the new rooms and offices by mid June (know how those promises work?!). The dining hall and "old" classroom wing will be connected by a hallway with offices, a vestibule, reception area, meeting room (possibly to be called the "Stine Room"). On the Center grounds there are two newly constructed areas with bird feeders, perennial beds, and benches made from the red pine that were cut down to make room for the new addition described above.

- ❖ *New SFEC position:* on 7 June the search committee, listed below, will interview two well-qualified candidates. The motivation for creating this position is two-fold. First, we need to cover SFEC responsibilities for Louise while she is on a 4 ½ month personal leave in England from late August through December. Louise's husband, who is on the UMD faculty, will be teaching two courses for UMD's annual study abroad in England program. Second, we want to explore potential and capacity for expanding the Cooperative's operations. The position will be funded from mid July 2007 through the end of February 2008. If we are successful in securing grant funding through focused fund raising efforts we will be able to retain this position for a longer period of time. We hope this will happen! There have been a number of outstanding ideas for future SFEC programming efforts (thanks to the terrific needs assessment work in which many of you participated!). These ideas would be difficult to realize with only one full time coordinator and one part time assistant.

*Search Committee*

Louise Levy, Coordinator, committee chair

Rob Harper, Supervisor, Chippewa National Forest

Ross Korpela, Wood Procurement Manager, Sappi Fine Paper

Mark Pannkuk, Interim Area Manager/Forester, St Louis County Land Department

Mike Schrage, Reservation Wildlife Biologist, Fond du Lac Tribal Natural Resources

Keep in touch!



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