

**Sustainable Forests
Education Cooperative
Member Organizations:**

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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
South St Louis County
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St. John's University
Arboretum

University of Minnesota
-College of Food, Ag, and
Natural Resource Sciences
-Natural Resources
Research Institute
-Minnesota Extension
Service

UPM – Blandin Paper Mill

USFS National Forests
Superior
Chippewa

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Dear SFEC members and supporters,

Summer is two thirds over, and it hardly seems like it began! The natural resources students arrive soon for their summer sessions at the Cloquet Forestry Center. It's always nice to have them around. The Center has its official certificate of occupancy, so the new wing (with the Stine Room!) is now open for business.

✧ **Glacial Landform Interpretation:** Temps were in the mid 90's for this workshop on July 25th, but we all held up. Nineteen participants attended. This was the first stand-alone iteration of an Ecosystem Silviculture course component. By way of introducing the workshop content, I spent time at the beginning making the connection between understanding glacial landforms, their effect on soil characteristics, and on forests.

✧ **Vital Forest Vital Communities Blog:** Bernadine Joselyn began a blog this summer, including comments on the Ecosystem Silviculture course. If you haven't already, take a minute to look it over. <http://vfv.wordpress.com/2007/06/29/obeying-nature/#comments>

✧ **Academic Leave Report:** to wrap up my 2007 spring semester academic leave, I submitted a report to the college. I have enclosed that report with this newsletter.

✧ **Lake County commissioner remembered as uniter:** I have also enclosed an article from the Duluth News Tribune from January 2007 on the untimely death of Clair Nelson. Unfortunately I had never known of him before reading this article, but he clearly played an active role in forestry, valuing collegiality and collaboration over confrontation and alienation. We benefit from people like that in forest resource management.

Cheers,

Louise Levy, Coordinator

