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**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

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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
(CCLNS Joint Powers Board #3)

St. John's University Arboretum

University of Minnesota
-Natural Resources
Research Institute

UPM – Blandin Paper Mill

USFS National Forests
Superior
Chippewa

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Dear SFEC members and supporters,

Greetings! I returned from maternity leave on February 18th. My current plan is to spend 3 days in the office and 2 working from home. I'm in the process of contacting each of you to discuss my desire to scale back my work hours to devote more time to family. If you haven't heard from me yet, you should in the next few weeks.

SFEC evaluation and assessment audit

This effort is generously funded by the Blandin Foundation's Vital Forests Vital Communities initiative. The contractor will be selected soon and the final report completed in mid July. This comprehensive evaluation and assessment of your education cooperative will be an important and valuable tool as you determine where you'd like SFEC to head in its second decade of operation. Thanks in advance for providing your thoughts and ideas.

Biomass Harvesting Guidelines trainings

Three ½ day trainings on the new Biomass Harvesting Guidelines are planned for this June: June 3rd in Cloquet, June 10th in Grand Rapids, and June 12th in Bemidji. Depending on the level of response, we may schedule more in the summer, or wait until fall. On-line registration for these June sessions will be up in the first week of March.

Society of American Foresters Continuing Forestry Education Handbook

The SAF Certification Review Board approved an updated CFE Handbook in early January. The new handbook will be available on the SFEC website next week. I served on the subcommittee that developed the new handbook. You and your staff won't see much change, except that you'll need to autograph a sign-in sheet for each concurrent session or workshop that you attend. Providers, such as SFEC, now have a more rigorous procedure to follow to comply with requirements for final CFE credit award for programs.

That's all for this month –

Sincerely,



Louise Levy, Coordinator