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Carlton
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Crow Wing
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Lake
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St. Louis
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MN Chippewa Tribes
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Dear SFEC members and supporters,

March 26th Communications Workshop

The 10 participants in this workshop presented outstanding written and oral pieces at the end of the day. We hope to offer this workshop again in the summer, probably in the Brainerd area. If you have an interest in improving your communications skills and becoming a more vocal advocate for forest and wildlife management in your community, this workshop is well worth your time and effort.

SFEC evaluation and assessment audit

The task force has been formed for this effort, and our first meeting is Friday, April 11, at the Cloquet Forestry Center. The list of task force members will be on the SFEC website by the end of this week. Look under the heading "Program Audit" in the left sidebar.

Biomass Harvesting Guidelines trainings

Registrations are pouring in. Current numbers are 25 for June 3 in Cloquet, 33 for June 10 in Grand Rapids, and 14 for June 12 in Bemidji. At this time we're planning for a limit of 75 participants at each location. We will reassess that limit as the dates draw closer if it looks like demand exceeds this number.

SAF CEU credits

There is information on the SFEC website pertaining to the new rules for obtaining SAF CEU credits for training events. Look under the heading "SAF Continuing Forestry Education Grading" in the left sidebar. Most important is that grading needs to occur PRIOR to the event taking place, and attendance results must be sent to SAF national office no later than one week after the event. So if you and your staff offer training for foresters, you'll want to understand these new requirements.

I am taking vacation during the last half of April to visit my in-laws in Massachusetts. A cross-continent car trip with a four month old sounds like fun, doesn't it?!

Sincerely,



Louise Levy, Coordinator