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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

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Grand Portage
Leech Lake
White Earth

MN DNR

Division of Forestry
Wildlife Mgmt Section

MN Forest Resources Council

MN Forest Stewardship Program

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Potlatch

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Dear SFEC members and supporters,

Reduced work hours

Starting in June I will work reduced hours (two thirds time). At the end of the summer this arrangement will be evaluated by me and my supervisor, Ron Severs. Thank you for your support for this arrangement. My family is very important to me, and so is the continued organizational and financial health of the Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative.

Biomass Harvesting Guidelines trainings – JUNE SESSIONS

Each of the three June sessions is at two-thirds capacity at this time. It is unlikely that we will increase the limit beyond 75 for each session, so please encourage your staff to sign up now if interested. We've tentatively scheduled two sessions for the fall – September 17th in Brainerd and October 15th in the Twin Cities metro area.

Certificate Course in Ecosystem Silviculture

The fourth training group, open to 20 participants, will begin in July. There is a great deal of interest in this course, so if you would like to send some of your staff, please contact me as soon as possible. I will be meeting with the development team in May to discuss updates to the curriculum.

I received an invitation to present a poster on this course at the June 23-25 conference “Crisis or Opportunity – sustaining and strengthening forest-based industries in the Great Lakes region” in Madison, WI. Please let me know if you consider this a worthwhile opportunity for me to pursue. The deadline for abstract submission is May 30.

SAF CEU credits

There appears to be some confusion about the new procedure for getting continuing education credits for workshops and other events. Please take a look at the instructions on the SFEC website. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call me! It's really straightforward – and I'm more than happy to help you go through the process the first time around.

Sincerely,



Louise Levy, Coordinator