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Twin Cities Campus

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
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,

Changes in SFEC staffing

At my 2007 performance review Ron Severs informed me that as of December 31, 2008, Stephanie Oberg will no longer provide clerical support for SFEC. Currently SFEC utilizes 20% of Stephanie's 80% appointment. Between now and the end of the year, and in conjunction with the Continuing Education Task Force's recommendations, I will be working on this issue.

Biomass Harvesting Guidelines trainings – JUNE SESSIONS

Of the three June sessions Cloquet is full, a few spots remain in Bemidji, and 20 remain in Grand Rapids. Two fall sessions are scheduled – Sept 17th in Brainerd and Oct 15th in Northfield. We learned that the power will be turned off in the Big Lake-Cloquet area from 10am to noon on June 3rd. Selected participants will be asked to jump on our bicycle-powered generator for the remainder of the morning to power the projectors and computers.

Certificate Course in Ecosystem Silviculture – training group 4

Training group 4 has filled and there is a waiting list of 15. Participation is as follows:

- 1 - SWCD
- 2 - MN DNR Forestry
- 2 - MN DNR Wildlife
- 3 - MN DNR Ecological Resources
- 6 - Tribal Forestry and Wildlife
- 6 - County Land Departments

National Conferences

At the November 2008 Society of American Foresters convention I will present a poster on an evaluation analysis of the Ecosystem Silviculture course. At the June 2009 North American Forest Ecology Workshop I will chair a session on ECS and forest management; Dr. Tony Damato, UMN's new Silviculture professor, will co-chair this session with me.

Teaching an old dog

I'm feeling technologically taxed this week. I've had to maneuver both Wikispaces and Facebook. Our MN SAF Chair Elect has put up on Facebook information for the MN SAF summer get-together. Sheesh!

Sincerely,



Louise Levy, Coordinator

