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Dear SFEC members and supporters,

Biomass Harvesting Guidelines

There are two classroom sessions planned for this fall – September 17th in Brainerd and October 15th in Northfield. I participated in the beta testing of the on-line BHG training last week. We anticipate that the on-line training will be ready to roll in late September or early October and will advertise this training option once it is available. At this time no additional classroom training sessions are scheduled for this fall.

Continuing Education Task Force

The task force is making good progress towards completion of its charge "(to) Review current professional forestry education practices and devise a strategic plan of action for the delivery of ongoing education and training services for Minnesota forestry professionals, including foresters, forestry technicians, loggers, and closely related positions." I am excited about this next phase and evolution of SFEC's programming activities. The final report will be done in early September. I will send the report to all SFEC member contacts.

Certificate Course in Ecosystem Silviculture

Training Group 4 has already completed 4 of the 6 course modules. They are really looking forward to Module 5 in October during which we will use the ecological classification information they gathered in August in discussions of forest management, goals and objectives, and potential forest successional trajectories. We're working in a thinned red pine plantation (AbPiPl – Habitat Type, or FDn12 – Native Plant Community Class) and a mixed aspen stand (AbFnAu or MHn44).

Fire and Wind

This one-day conference, originally scheduled for April 2008, will take place in mid to late February 2009. I've been working closely with Bruce Anderson, USFS Superior National Forest, to coordinate with local and national speakers, and to avoid conflicts with fire training and state society meetings.

Enjoy the harvest season!

Sincerely,



Louise Levy, Coordinator