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Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative Member Organizations:

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

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UPM – Blandin Paper Mill

USFS National Forests

Superior
Chippewa

23 September 2008 SFEC Newsletter #28

Dear SFEC members and supporters,

The Forest and Natural Resource Continuing Education Task Force is wrapping up its work. The final report is almost complete and contains what I think are productive and exciting changes for SFEC. To that end, I wish to call an all-member meeting in November. At this meeting we will discuss the final report, its two-step proposal for improved forest resource manager and logger continuing professional education in Minnesota, and other relevant items.

The draft meeting agenda is below. SFEC members will receive an e-mail with proposed meeting dates. Please respond promptly so that we can work around hunting and holiday plans.

November SFEC all-member meeting—draft agenda Program

- Review Task Force final report
- Discuss proposed legislation for SFEC funding, and administrative changes within the University
- Develop a timeline* for acting on Task Force recommendations and other relevant activities

Staff

- Update on search for administrative assistant
- Draft a position description for coordinator
- Select coordinator search committee

***draft timeline**

Fall 08: Conduct search for and hire administrative assistant
Develop Winter Spring 2009 program calendar

Nov 08: SFEC all-member meeting

Jan 09: New admin assistant starts

Jan – June 09: Deliver Winter Spring programming

Plan and hold first meeting of SFEC advisory board

Feb – March 09: Start search for coordinator

April – May 09: Develop Summer Fall 2009 program calendar

July 09: Anticipated start of new coordinator (or earlier)

Fall 09: Evaluate progress towards Task Force recommendations,
Identify next steps

Prior to this all-member meeting, you will receive a copy of the final report and a white paper. Please feel free to contact me between now and the November meeting if you have questions about or ideas for the meeting agenda.

UW Madison – Center for Cooperatives

I was contacted to provide information on SFEC for research into the social and economic impact of education cooperatives in the US. I have not heard back from the researchers, but am interested in what they conclude from their investigation.

Biomass Harvesting Guidelines

Six of the seven SFEC-MLEP-MFRC sponsored Biomass Harvesting Guidelines have been held. In September 73 foresters and wildlife biologists and a couple of loggers attended the session in Brainerd. There is still room in the October 15th session in Northfield. The on-line version of the Biomass Guidelines training is expected to be up and running later this fall. If you or your staff still need the Biomass Guidelines insert, or the updated Forest Management Site-level Guidelines binder (gold cover) please contact Stephanie Oberg (218-726-6404 or oberg086@umn.edu). There is a limited supply.

SAF National Conference

I will attend the conference this fall to present results from evaluating the Certificate Course in Ecosystem Silviculture. The evaluation instruments will be used to ask questions about trainee demographics, and give us a picture of pre- and post-course application of ecological classification information in forest management activities.

Incoming CFANS freshmen

On Saturday, September 13th, I joined Drs. Tony D'Amato, Jeff Strock, and Len Ferrington to speak to 33 incoming CFANS freshmen in the Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management track. In my session we talked about continuing professional education, communication, forestry, logging, and other topics that came up in conversation. And I passed out the current Conservation Volunteer, which has a great article on [being a forester!](#)
(http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/young_naturalists/tree_guardians/index.html)

Enjoy the harvest season!

Sincerely,



Louise Levy, Coordinator