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SFEC Newsletter #32

Dear SFEC members and supporters,

Next week is a big one – our request to fill the SFEC Coordinator position goes before the CFANS Dean's Council, the first hurdle for being able to hire my replacement. We should hear by Wednesday or Thursday next week. If approved by the Dean's Council, the request then goes before the Provost.

I am still unable to access any of the SFEC accounts, so tracking expenses and income is a frustrating and time-consuming endeavor.

I have preliminary feedback from the Northeast Minnesota Sustainable Development Partnership approving both project idea funding requests: \$4,750 to support the Forest Management Guidelines Train the Trainer effort and \$4,000 to support the webinar pilot. The final response is expected in early March.

Close to 60 forest managers have completed the on-line Biomass Harvesting Guidelines course. All but three are MN DNR Forestry staff.

There are about 65 seats left for the Fire and Wind Symposium, which takes place February 18th at the Cloquet Forestry Center. Please encourage your staff to register soon if they are interested in attending.

In cooperation with the MN DNR ECS program, and with funding from the Blandin Foundation, I made 250 sets of a 33-page, laminated and grommated plant look-alike key field guide. Trainees in the Ecosystem Silviculture course get first dibs, the remainder will be distributed using a highly top-secret process.

Enjoy the great winter weather!

Sincerely,



Louise Levy, Coordinator