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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
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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***SFEC Newsletter*, August 31, 2009**

Dear SFEC members and supporters,

I hope your Labor Day weekend went well and that you had good times with family and friends!

August has breezed by and I'm slowly but surely learning the details of my position as SFEC Coordinator and continuing the series of education programs that have been established over more than ten years by my predecessors. My objectives in these first months have been to meet and get to know as many of you as possible, to get up to speed on the details of the position, to continue the programs already in place listed on the calendar, to hire and train a part-time office assistant, to organize the first Executive and Education Advisory Committees and to obtain cooperative member feedback on future education needs through a needs assessment. I've been making steady progress on these objectives but still have a ways to go.

This past month I was invited and met with the Minnesota Forest Resource Partnership, the Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners, the State DNR Office in St. Paul and the Regional Extension Indian Program. I had an opportunity to visit with many of you at the successful SFEC/MLEP "Forest Guidelines Training" at the CFC. The Guidelines Training hosted over 70 participants (including an expanding pool of very competent instructors). This workshop continues a strong partnership between SFEC, MLEP, MNDNR, UM and many of the SFEC Cooperative members. The SFEC also hosted the Webinar "Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine" which was well received by participants.

Keep these dates in mind when searching for educational opportunities to meet your continuing education needs: **Sept. 15 Webinar: "Property and Income Taxes: What you need to Know to Help Family Forestland Owners"**, **Nov. 4, program at CFC, "Forests and Climate Change"**, **Nov. 16, Webinar: "Silviculture in the 21st Century"**.

The SFEC Executive Committee meets on Wednesday, Sept. 16 and I'll look forward to their feedback.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you as I continue as the SFEC Coordinator.

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