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Blandin Foundation

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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
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St. John's University Arboretum

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The Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative continues to move forward in a positive direction with implementation of programs already in place and in planning for future programs in cooperation with our members and cooperators.

I'd like to say **thanks to the SFEC Executive Committee** who met for the first time on September 16 at the CFC and provided their insights and feedback to help strengthen the Cooperative. Members of the Executive Committee include: Andrew Arends-DNR, Greg Bernu-Carlton Co., Beth Jacquain- Aitkin Co., Jim Marshall-UPM-Kymmene, Steve Olson-Fond Du Lac Tribe, Jim Sanders-Natl. Forest Service, Dave Schipper-DNR, Ron Severs-UM, Kelly Smith-Soil & Water Cons. Dist. Feel free to visit with these members regarding any suggestions or thoughts you may have that can strengthen the Coop's ability to deliver quality programs and best fulfill our outreach mission in 2010 and beyond.

I'm looking forward to hearing from the **SFEC Education Advisory Committee** which meets on Oct. 27. Members of the SFEC Education Advisory Committee include: Dave Chura-MLEP, Paul Dickson-Consulting Foresters, George Host, NRRI, Rick Klevorn-DNR Silviculture, Bob Krepps-St. Louis Co., Jeff Lightfoot-DNR Wildlife, Robert Lintemann-BIA, Carrie Pike, UM MN Tree Improvement Coop., Eli Sagor-UM Ext., Mary Shedd-Natl. Forest Service, Rob Slesak-MN Forest Resource Council, Kelly Smith-Carlton Co. SWCD, Adam Sutherland-UPM-Kymmene.

I'm hoping the SFEC Education Advisory Committee can identify and prioritize the great number of webinar and other education program possibilities for 2010 and beyond. If you have a particular professional education request for the upcoming year, be sure to contact me or one of the Executive or Education Advisory Committee members soon.

I met on Oct. 7 with Andrew Arends, Greg Michael, Beth Jacquain, Larry Westerberg, Stephanie Oberg and Lisa Breuer to improve our ability to track continuing forestry education credits for MN DNR Stewardship Plan Writers and SAF Certified Foresters. Lisa will be updating the SFEC web site to reflect some of the recommendations

made to improve coordination between Stewardship Plan Writer CFE and SAF Certified Foresters credits. Larry Westerberg and Mike Kroenke will be serving as new course graders in the future and will be working closely with State SAF Chair Beth Jacquain, the Natl. SAF office and State MN DNR- Andrew Arends and Greg Michael to implement these recommendations. It's taken some time to work through these expectations and trainings needed to provide these services. I appreciate your patience as we proceed to become more competent with these tasks. You can contact Lisa Breuer at lbreuer@umn.edu, 218-726-6403 who is taking on many of these responsibilities. Lisa's hours are 8:00 a.m.-12 noon, M-F.

The Sept. 15, Webinar: "Property and Income Taxes: What you need to Know to Help Family Forestland Owners" with Mike Reichenbach-UM Ext. was well received. I continue to receive positive feedback regarding using webinars as a way for Coop members to receive timely updates on relevant topics of interest and concern.

Be sure to consider attending the upcoming SFEC programs: Register on our SFEC website <http://sfec.cfans.umn.edu/featured.html>.

Nov. 4, program at CFC, "Forests and Climate Change"

Nov. 16, Webinar: "Silviculture in the 21st Century"

Have a great October/November fall season! Enjoy the fall colors!

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