



Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative

Soils and Forest Management: Upland Low-quality Soils Field Day

June 9, 2016 in the Park Rapids area

Lunch and refreshments provided. We will meet at the first field site near Lake George, MN. Directions will be provided to registrants. Participants will drive their own vehicles throughout the day. We encourage carpooling to reduce congestion on woods roads and to allow discussion between sites.

WORKING AGENDA

8:50am	Meet at first field site near Lake George, MN	
9:00am	Welcome, agenda review and context	Sagor
9:10am	Morning: Native plant community focus We will spend the morning visiting three sites supporting different native plant communities along a moisture and nutrient gradient. These sites likely reflect FDc12 Central Poor Dry Pine Woodland and FDc24 Central Rich Dry Pine Woodland. At each site we'll discuss soil types, ecological and plant community considerations including operational considerations, landform relationships, and other issues that may arise.	Blinn, Gries, Hanson, Sagor, Slesak, Tjader, Walczynski, others.
11:30am	Drive to lunch site near Lake George	
11:45pm	Outdoor lunch at the Lake George Community Park	
12:30pm	Drive to Biomass harvest site near Farris, MN	
1:00pm	Afternoon: Biomass harvest and nutrient management focus We will spend the afternoon at a series of research and demonstration treatments discussing soil and site quality impacts of a range of harvest intensities and leave tree arrangements. Discussion topics will include Minnesota's forest management guidelines pertaining to biomass and leave trees, harvest impacts on soils and site quality, climate projections, landform relationships, and other issues that may arise.	Blinn, Gries, Hanson, Palik, Sagor, Slesak, Tjader, Walczynski, others.
3:45pm	Closing discussion Brief review of themes from the day, unanswered questions, and what to expect from the final field day in September.	Sagor, others.
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