



Minnesota Forest Resources Council

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

TO: MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

FROM: CALDER HIBBARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: PREPARATION FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 MFRC MEETING

In preparation for the September 21, 2016 meeting of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC), attached are the following materials (those related to action items are in **bold**):

1. This cover memo.
2. **Draft minutes for the July 20, 2016 MFRC meeting.***
3. **Draft agenda for the September 21, 2016 MFRC meeting.***
4. Committee reports.

Meeting Logistics

The MFRC will meet on September 21-22, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the **University of Minnesota North Central Research and Outreach Center** located at 1861 Highway 169 East, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Directions to the meeting are provided below.

Following the meeting, the council will tour the UPM Blandin Paper Mill (115 1st Street S.W. Grand Rapids, MN). Afterwards, the council will reconvene at MFRC member, Dave Parent's, home in Cohasset, MN for a reception and dinner. On Wednesday, the council will leave at 8:20 a.m. from the Grand Rapids AmericInn parking lot to tour the SPRUCE Experiment and a research watershed at the Marcell Experimental Forest. Additional details about the two-day meeting are provided in a separate packet and will also be shared at the September 21 Council meeting.

From I-35N, exit for MN-73 N toward Moose Lake and follow 35 miles to turn left onto US-2 W. Follow 34 miles and turn right onto Gunn Rd. Turn left onto Trout Lake Rd and turn left onto US-169 S after one mile. The University of Minnesota North Central Research and Outreach Center will be on the right after one mile. Follow the signs to the U of MN and take the right exit in the roundabout. Park in public parking lot. If it is full, drive back to the round-a-bout and park in the Itasca Community College parking lot.

Meeting Agenda

Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Project

Jake Kitzmann, Natural Resource Manager, Camp Ripley Training Center, and Todd Holman, Program Director, TNC, will discuss the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Project, one of five in the nation. Recognizing the need to protect this landscape, the Minnesota legislature passed H.F. No. 283, which was signed into law by Governor Mark Dayton in May 2015. Under the law, the adjutant general convened a Sentinel Landscape Coordinating Committee to identify the boundaries of the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and develop a suite of tools and programs that could provide technical and financial assistance to interested landowners within the Sentinel Landscape. With input from local government, stakeholders, and federal agency partners, the Coordinating Committee identified the desired outcomes of the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape partnership: protecting the installation's military training mission and the landscape's wildlife management areas, watersheds, and agricultural resources.

Strategic Planning Session

Mariann Johnson will help to facilitate a discussion between council members by reviewing and discussing MFRC assessment findings, drafting initial strategies around MFRC priorities, integrating vision concepts identified at the last planning session, and establishing clear next steps for the MFRC 's strategic plan.

*Denotes action item