



# Minnesota Forest Resources Council

**DATE:** JULY 16, 2015

**TO:** MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

**FROM:** CALDER HIBBARD, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**RE:** PREPARATION FOR JULY 29, 2015 MFRC MEETING

In preparation for the July 29, 2015 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 May 19, 2015 MFRC meeting.**
3. **Draft agenda for the July 29, 2015 MFRC meeting.**
4. Committee reports.
5. Written communications to the MFRC
6. **Resolution to approve undertake assessment of accomplishments in implementing forest industry competitiveness study recommendations**

## **Meeting Logistics**

The MFRC will meet on July 29, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the meeting room at the Grand Rapids Area Library in Grand Rapids, MN (140 Northeast 2nd Street, Grand Rapids, MN 55744). Directions to the meeting are provided below.

### *From the Twin Cities*

Take I-35N. Travel on I-35N for approximately 106 miles. Take exit 214 for MN-73 toward Moose Lake. Follow MN-73 for approximately 43 miles then turn slight left onto US-2 and follow west for approximately 37 miles. Turn left onto Itasca Street, turn left onto NE 3rd Avenue, and turn right onto NE 2nd Street. The library will be on the left in 0.1 miles.

### *From Duluth*

Take I-35S and follow to Exit 250 for US-2 W toward Proctor/Grand Rapids. Follow US-2 west for approximately 76 miles. Turn left onto Itasca Street, turn left onto NE 3rd Avenue, and turn right onto NE 2nd Street. The library will be on the left in 0.1 miles.

*From Bemidji*

Take US-2 E and follow for approximately 65 miles. Turn right onto N Pokegama Avenue and turn left at the 2nd cross street onto NW 2nd Street. The library will be on the right in 0.1 miles.

## **Meeting Agenda**

**Introduction of new MFRC member** – Deb Theisen

**Committee of the Whole: Proposed resolution to undertake assessment of accomplishments in implementing forest industry competitiveness study recommendations\*** - Bob Stine, Kathleen Preece, Wayne Brandt, and Calder Hibbard. Bob Stine and Kathleen Preece will provide some context regarding the implementation of the recommendations from the forest products industry competitiveness study. Calder Hibbard will provide background information regarding the competitiveness study, and Wayne Brandt will speak to the status of the study recommendations in the last legislative session and elsewhere. Bob Stine will lead a discussion and the consideration of a resolution to develop a report card regarding the status of the competitiveness study recommendations as well as an updated implementation strategy for the recommendations that have not been acted upon. This would be jointly executed with the Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership.

**Preliminary results from guideline monitoring conducted in 2014** – Alternate for Forrest Boe and Dick Rossman, DNR Division of Forestry. Dick Rossman will present preliminary results from timber harvests in 2014, with emphasis on key guidelines related to water quality, soil, and wildlife habitat. In this new approach, guideline implementation estimates will be summarized for each forested watershed sampling unit as well as for the state.

**Overview of MFA's Call Before You Cut and Boots on YOUR Ground Programs** – David Roerick, Minnesota Forestry Association member. David Roerick will brief the council regarding two current MFA programs aimed at family forest owners.

**National Forest Land Management Plans Under the 2012 Planning Rule** – Darla Lenz and Sharon Klinkhammer, Chippewa National Forest Planner. Darla Lenz will introduce Sharon Klinkhammer to talk about the 2012 planning rule and how the planning process will be conducted, including the intersection with MFRC landscape planning process.

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\*Denotes action item