



Minnesota Forest Resources Council

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

TO: MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

FROM: CALDER HIBBARD, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: PREPARATION FOR SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2015 MFRC MEETING

In preparation for the September 22-23, 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 July 29, 2015 MFRC meeting.**
3. **Draft agenda for the September 22-23, 2015 MFRC meeting.**
4. Committee reports.

Meeting Logistics

The MFRC will meet on September 22-23, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the Stine Room at the **Cloquet Forestry Center** located at 175 University Road in Cloquet, Minnesota. Following the meeting, the council will tour natural resources management on the Fond du Lac Reservation. Afterwards, the council will reconvene at the Cloquet Forestry Center for a social hour, dinner, and celebration of the 20th anniversary of the MFRC. Mike Kilgore will emcee the event. Past and present council members have been invited to attend.

On Wednesday, the council will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the Cloquet AmericaInn parking lot to tour the Sappi Paper Mill (2201 Avenue B, Cloquet, MN 55720). The mill tour will be followed by a tour of the Carlton County seed orchard. The tour will conclude at 11:30 a.m., and box lunches will be served at this time. Additional details about the field tour will be provided at the September 22 Council meeting.

From I-35, take the Highway 210 exit (adjacent to the Black Bear Casino), and go west 2.7 miles. Turn right on Highway 5 (a sign for the Forestry Center will guide you) and follow it north for 2.7 miles. The entrance to the Cloquet Forestry Center is on your left. For more information about Cloquet Forestry Center, call 218/726-6400, or visit <http://cfc.cfans.umn.edu>.

Meeting Agenda

Committee of the Whole: Private forest management framework and overview of family forest landowner handbooks. Forrest Boe will introduce Gary Michael, cooperative forest management supervisor DNR Division of Forestry, to discuss the private forest management framework being developed by the DNR Division of Forestry and partners. Gary will also talk about the first edition of the new forest landowner handbooks.

Potential issues regarding recent changes in state forest management policy and certification. Gene Merriam will introduce the topic, and Forrest Boe will briefly discuss the issues. Forrest Boe will in turn introduce Andrew Arends who will further talk about the policy regarding red-pine rotation and other pertinent policies affecting forest certification.

Decision on the Minnesota Forest Resources Council's next Executive Director

DNR Resource Assessment: history, capacity, opportunities for collaboration with the MFRC. Forrest Boe will introduce Dennis Kepler. Dennis will provide an overview of Resource Assessment and highlight areas and opportunities for collaboration with the council.

Forest management and related land management programs on the Fond du Lac Reservation. Bob Lintelmann will introduce Steve Olsen, a forester for the Fond du Lac band. Steve will discuss forest management and related programs on the Fond du Lac Reservation. Following his talk, Steve will guide a tour of some of their current projects.

*Denotes action item