



Minnesota Forest Resources Council

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Agricultural Woodlot Owners
Commercial Logging Contractors
Conservation Organizations
County Land Commissioners
Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Organizations
Forest Products Industry
Game Species Management
Higher Education
Indian Affairs Council
Labor Organizations
Nonindustrial Forest Landowners
Resort and Tourism Industry
USDA – Forest Service

DATE: May 1, 2013

TO: MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

FROM: DAVE ZUMETA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: PREPARATION FOR May 14, 2013 MFRC MEETING

In preparation for the May 14, 2013 meeting of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC), attached are the following materials (those related to action items are in in **bold**):

1. This cover memo
2. **March 20, 2013 MFRC draft meeting minutes**
3. **May 14, 2013 MFRC draft meeting agenda**
4. MFRC committee reports
5. Proposed Resolution: Approval of follow-up letter to the Governor regarding invasive species
6. Gypsy Moth in Minnesota – Fast Facts

Meeting Logistics

The MFRC will meet on May 14, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 2 at the MN Department of Transportation Training and Conference Center in Arden Hills (1900 West County Road I). Directions to the meeting are provided below.

From 35W, exit onto County Road I (exit number 29), going east. Drive ¼ mile, passing over Rice Creek, and turn right into the Training and Conference Center parking lot. This is a two-building complex, but there is one main sidewalk leading to the major entry. Parking is free.

For more information about the MnDOT Training Center, call 651-297-4429, or <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/hr/trngctr/>

Meeting Agenda

Committee of the Whole: Proposed follow-up letter to Governor on forest-related terrestrial invasive species* – Kathleen Preece and Calder Hibbard will summarize the Information Management Committee's proposal that MFRC Chair Bob Stine send a follow-up letter to the Governor urging him to charge the Commissioners of Agriculture, Commerce, DNR, and Transportation to commission a study on terrestrial invasive species affecting forests. Bob sent a letter on this topic to the Governor in November 2012, but never received a reply.



Legislative session and budget update – Forrest Boe and Wayne Brandt will provide an update on the status of forestry legislation and budgets from the 2013 legislative session.

Prospective 2014 quarantine of Cook and Lake Counties for Gypsy Moth – Bob Stine will introduce Lucy Hunt, Gypsy Moth Coordinator, MN Department of Agriculture and Sue Burks, Invasive Species Program Coordinator, DNR Division of Forestry. Lucy and Sue will describe a proposed quarantine of Cook and Lake Counties for Gypsy Moth that would go into effect in the spring of 2014.

Update on ad hoc committee on field guide development and implementation goals – Bob Stine and Rob Slesak will provide an update on the ad hoc committee on field guide development and implementation goals. Bob intends to appoint the committee prior to the Council meeting.

MOU on Private Forest Management Landscape Stewardship – Forrest Boe, Meg Hanisch, DNR Division of Forestry, and Lindberg Ekola will outline a proposed Memorandum of Understanding on Private Forest Management Landscape Stewardship between DNR, the MFRC, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the U.S. Forest Service State and Private Forestry branch, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and other appropriate agencies.

Projections of stand mortality for extended rotation forests - Alan Ek will introduce John Zobel, Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota, who will describe an innovative new approach for estimating timber yield (or timber yield loss) for the entire life of a forest stand. Traditional models estimate timber yield for only part of the life of a forest stand. This model will be useful for projecting stand mortality in extended rotation forests, which has significant implications for forest health and productivity.

*denotes action item