



Minnesota Forest Resources Council

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DATE: JANUARY 9, 2014

TO: MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

FROM: DAVE ZUMETA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: PREPARATION FOR JANUARY 22, 2014 MFRC MEETING

In preparation for the January 22, 2014 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. **November 13, 2013 MFRC draft meeting minutes**
3. **January 22, 2014 MFRC draft meeting agenda**
4. Committee reports
5. Written communications to the MFRC
6. **Draft 2013 MFRC Annual Report**
7. **Draft resolution to approve the Annual Report**
8. **Site-level Forest Management Field Guide**
9. **Draft resolution to approve the Field Guide**
10. **Draft resolution to approve the Southeast Landscape Committee's request to update the Southeast Landscape Plan**

Meeting Logistics

The MFRC will meet on January 22, 2014, 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.

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, <http://cfc.cfans.umn.edu>



Meeting Agenda

Committee of the Whole: - Approval of 2013 MFRC Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature* - Bob Stine will introduce Rachael Nicoll, who will provide a brief overview of the 2013 MFRC Annual Report. Bob will then introduce the motion for the Council to approve the Annual Report.

Approval of Site-level Forest Management Field Guide* - Bob Stine will introduce Rob Slesak, who will provide a brief overview of the field guide. Bob will then introduce the motion for the Council to approve the field guide.

Approval of Southeast Landscape Committee request to update the Southeast Landscape Plan* – Shaun Hamilton will introduce Lindberg Ekola, who will describe the Southeast Landscape Committee’s request for MFRC approval to revise the Southeast Landscape Plan. Shaun will then introduce the motion for the Council to approve the committee’s request.

Report to the administration on competitiveness of Minnesota’s primary forest products industry – Bob Stine will introduce Calder Hibbard, who will bring the Council up to date on efforts to convene a steering committee and work group to develop an updated report on the global competitiveness of the state’s primary forest products industry in response to a recent request from the DNR Commissioner.

Sustainable Forest Incentive Program audit outcomes and overview of current DNR Forest Management audit – Forrest Boe and Dave Zumeta will introduce Carrie Meyerhoff, Principal Evaluator, Program Evaluation Division, Office of the Legislative Auditor. Carrie will summarize the recent Sustainable Forest Incentive Program audit outcomes, and Dave will describe actions being taken by the DNR, the Department of Revenue, and MFRC in response to a recent request from Representative Dill and Senator Saxhaug relative to the audit findings. Carrie will then provide an overview of the DNR Forest Management audit that her office is conducting.

*Denotes action item