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DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2012
TO: MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL
FROM: DAVE ZUMETA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RE: PREPARATION FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2012 MFRC MEETING

In preparation for the November 14, 2012 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. **September 19, 2012 MFRC draft meeting minutes¹**
3. **November 14, 2012 MFRC draft meeting agenda**

There are no committee reports to include in this mailing.

Meeting Logistics

The MFRC will meet on November 14, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 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: Private forestland study update – Bob Stine will introduce Calder Hibbard, who will provide an overview of the private forestland study that is due to the legislature on January 15, 2013. Draft recommendations will be the main focus of discussion, along with alternative ways to obtain Council approval of the recommendations given that the next Council meeting is scheduled for January 23.

¹ *Reminder: Please let me know if you have any recommended modifications to the enclosed September 19, 2012, meeting minutes **prior** to the November 14 meeting.*



Overview of GEIS update – Alan Ek will introduce Howard Hoganson, who will provide an overview of a research study recently funded by the Blandin Foundation that will update the forest growth model that was used as the foundation for developing the Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Timber Harvesting and Forest Management in Minnesota from 1990-94.

DNR response to MFRC letters regarding maintaining and growing the forest products industry – Forrest Boe will provide a brief overview of DNR's response to MFRC Chair Bob Stine's two letters to the DNR Commissioner regarding maintaining and growing the forest products industry. The presentation will focus on the state budget development process and how the letters have been used in developing the Governor's draft recommended budget, and how they might be used in coming months.

Logger study overview – Alan Ek will introduce Charlie Blinn, who will provide a summary of a research study he is conducting on logger business capacity. This study has significant implications for what Minnesota's logging infrastructure may look like in coming years.

Environmental review and permitting of forest industry expansions – Bob Stine will introduce Steve Colvin, Environmental Review Supervisor, DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources. Steve will provide a summary of forest industry expansion proposals that have undergone environmental review and permitting in recent years. He will also outline the environmental review and permitting process, with particular emphasis on forest resource analyses that are overseen by DNR.