



Minnesota Forest Resources Council

DATE: October 29, 2014

TO: MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

FROM: DAVE ZUMETA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: PREPARATION FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2014 MFRC MEETING

In preparation for the November 12, 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. **Draft minutes for the September 17, 2014 MFRC meeting**
3. **Draft agenda for the November 12, 2014 MFRC meeting**
4. Committee reports
5. **MFRC DRAFT resolution to approve revised Southeast Landscape Plan***
6. **Draft resolution in support of a separate federal budget process for funding the suppression of major catastrophic fires***

Meeting Logistics

The MFRC will meet on November 12, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Room 1 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 I-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.

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Meeting Agenda

Committee of the Whole: Draft resolution to approve revised Southeast Landscape Plan* –

Shaun Hamilton will introduce Lindberg Ekola and several Southeast Landscape Committee representatives. Lindberg will provide a brief overview of the revised plan and outcomes from the recent MFRC Landscape Committee discussion about the plan. Southeast Landscape Plan Committee members will comment on the planning process and the revised plan itself, with particular focus on how they anticipate the plan being implemented. A vote will be taken on the draft resolution to approve the revised Southeast Landscape Plan (see attachment 5).

Draft resolution in support of a separate federal budget process for funding the suppression of major catastrophic fires* Following introductory comments from Bob Stine, Shawn Perich will summarize comments he made on federal wildfire suppression funding at the MFRC meeting on September 17. Kathleen Preece will summarize the discussion about this topic that occurred at the most recent Information Management Committee meeting. Assuming MFRC members agree to do so, a vote will be taken on the draft resolution in support of a separate federal budget process for funding the suppression of major catastrophic fires (see attachment 6).

Status of Sax-Zim bog land exchange – Forrest Boe will introduce Aaron Van De Linde, School Trust Land Administrator, DNR Division of Lands and Minerals. Aaron will provide an overview and update on the current status of the Sax-Zim bog land exchange.

DNR Forest Management Evaluation – Carrie Meyerhoff, Principal Evaluator, Office of the Legislative Auditor will provide a summary of her office's recent evaluation report on the DNR Forest Management Program. As part of her summary, Carrie will highlight the parts of the report where the MFRC and its Site-level Program are mentioned.

Draft Global Competitiveness of the Forest Products Industry Report and Potential Sustainable Forest Incentive Act (SFIA) revisions – Bob Stine will provide a brief introduction to the work that MFRC staff has been doing with a group of stakeholders regarding potential SFIA revisions. Calder Hibbard will provide an update on the status of this effort, which was requested by Senator Saxhaug and Representative Dill. Bob and Calder will then describe the status of the draft Global Competitiveness of the Forest Products Industry Report that MFRC staff and multiple cooperators are preparing at the request of DNR Commissioner Landwehr. The report is due to the Commissioner by December 1.

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