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To: MFRC stakeholders and interested individuals

From: Robert Slesak, MFRC Site-level Program Manager

Subject: Revisions to the Forest Management Guidelines

Date: February 1, 2010

Dear stakeholder or interested party,

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will be considering revisions to the Timber Harvesting and Forest Management Guidelines starting in the summer of 2010. As a prelude to that process, the MFRC is requesting comment from stakeholders and interested individuals on the suitability of existing guidelines, and suggestions for new guidelines. The MFRC has identified guidelines related to riparian areas as a focus of this second revision, but all topical and formatting suggestions will be considered during the revision process. Comments and suggestions may be substantive or general, but should include supporting information such as peer-reviewed science, deductive logic, or identification of obvious errors in the existing guidelines.

Please submit comments and suggestions in electronic format to Rob Slesak at rob.slesak@state.mn.us by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Inquiries and questions may be directed to the above address or by calling 651-603-6756. The complete set of guidelines is available for review in electronic format or in hard copy upon request. Revisions to the riparian guidelines will be guided by the final report of the Riparian Science Technical Committee which was convened by the MFRC for this purpose. Electronic copies of the above documents can be found at http://www.frc.state.mn.us/initiatives_sitelevel_management_development.html.

Input from stakeholders and individuals is critical to the development of practical and effective forest management guidelines designed to protect the functions and resources of forest ecosystems. Thank you for taking the time to consider being part of the process.

Sincerely,

Robert Slesak
Site-level Program Manager