

MFRC Public Concerns Registration Process (PCRP)



The Public Concerns Registration Process (PCRP) was formed in 1998 to accept “comments from the public on negligent timber harvesting and forest management practices (M.S. 89A.07 Subd. 5).” It provides citizens with a means to voice concerns regarding timber harvesting and forest management practices taking place in Minnesota. It also informs landowners, foresters, and loggers about the concerns. Although it is not a program for taking punitive measures to stop logging or resolve disputes over contractual issues or specific forest management activities, it encourages sustainable management of Minnesota’s forests.

Through the PCRP, citizens can:

- Formally notify the MFRC about their concerns relating to forest management activities;
- Be a catalyst for mitigation of any problems on a site;
- And learn more about forest management and sustainable forestry.

Landowners, loggers, and foresters benefit by becoming more aware of public concerns regarding forest management, and by learning more about guidelines for sustainable forest management. Summaries of concerns registered through the PCRP help the MFRC understand citizens’ expectations for how Minnesota’s forest should be managed. The MFRC can use these insights to decide which, if any, additional guidelines are needed and to identify continuing education programs needed for forest managers, forest owners, loggers, and citizens.