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Public Forum on County Forest Management Plan Update

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department invites the public to participate in a forum concerning the Management Plan for Crow Wing County managed forest lands. The County is updating the existing plan for managing these lands and is seeking public input regarding its forest management and land asset management programs.

The Public Forum will be held at the Land Services Building at 322 Laurel Street, Brainerd in Meeting Room 1 at 7:00 pm on Thursday June 26 2014.

“This forum gives interested public, stakeholders and customers an excellent opportunity to inform the future strategic management direction of county managed forest lands”, stated Kirk Titus, Land Services Supervisor. Participants in the forum-will be asked to suggest management goals and objectives for the county managed lands. They will also be asked to offer comment on geographic areas of concern and interest. Information gained from the forum will be used by the County and its consultants as a basis for further analysis and an initial draft of the new plan.

Many changes in the forest and demands on it have occurred since the current management plan was adopted in 2000. The County is seeking a plan that balances the economic, social and ecological values derived from forests, including timber harvests, recreation areas, wildlife habitat and clean water.

Later in the planning process, the public will also get a chance to comment on the draft forest management plan. Crow Wing County has retained the services of Pro-West & Associates of Walker and Applied Insights of Duluth to update the management plan.

The County manages 105,000 acres of forest land for timber production and diverse recreational opportunities for multiple users. The sale of timber at public auctions during the year funds the county’s management of these lands, while providing revenues to local communities. County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Forest Stewardship Council certification standards.

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