

Action Plan: SFIA

MFRP Minnesota Forest Futures Conference: TAKING ACTION!

Wednesday and Thursday: December 10-11, 2014

Arrowwood Lodge

Baxter, Minnesota

SFIA

Recommendation # 1. Enhance the effectiveness of the SFIA at providing a multitude of benefits including increased timber supply, slowed parcelization, maintenance of water quality, and maintenance of public recreational access.

| Action Steps / Tasks | Responsible Parties Lead/Support Persons | Benchmarks | Timelines |
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| Action Step 1: Clarify goals of the SFIA program | | COMPLETED | |
| <p>Action Step 2: Obtain legislative action based on recommendations of the Report</p> <p>Lobby Senator Tom Saxhaug and Rep. Denny McNamara to carry legislation as commented on during December working meeting</p> | <p>Coalition of existing task force/stakeholder group to advocate, including Bruce Zumbahlen and Kevin Walli.</p> <p>Craig Halla/Molpus lobbyist Dave Johnson</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation drafted • Initial contact made with legislators • Legislative hearing held | <p>January 2015</p> <p>January 2015</p> |

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| Action Step 3: Form a strategy group to deal with SFIA for small landowners | Tree Farm MFA | Briefing meeting held Plan developed to educate landowners, contact legislators | February 2015 Ongoing |
| Action Step 4: Summarize support of DNR, Dept. of Revenue, and others for the Report | SFIA Stakeholder Group | Summary report of support | January 2015 |

Recommendation # 2 Determine how a modified SFIA program nests with various conservation easement programs, both at initiation and conclusion of the enrollment period.

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| Action Step 1: Identify policy goals in the legislation: conservation vs tax programs | Bruce Zumbahlen TNC & TPL can assist in carrying the message legislatively | Draft legislation | 1 st qtr. 2015 1 st qtr. 2015 |