

Action Plan: Taxation

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Recommendation # 1. Assure that the up-front exemption on capital equipment, rather than a rebate, occurs on July 1, 2015 and consider expanding the definition of capital equipment to include entire projects as well as logging equipment (Legislature).

Action Steps / Tasks	Responsible Parties Lead/Support Persons	Benchmarks	Timelines
Action Step 1: Educate legislators and the Governor that this is a sales tax issue, and to ensure they understand the issue. Lobby Senator Tom Saxhaug, Representative David Hancock, and Rep. Denny McNamara to carry message to legislative colleagues	MFI & TPA	Contacts with made legislative delegation	January 2015 January 2015

Recommendation # 2 Adjust the 2C rate for forest landowners to make it comparable to the rate for agricultural landowners.

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Action Step 1: Consult a third party (e.g. Mike Reichenbach and/or Certified Public Accountant) for logging company/private lands	MFA, county assessors	Contact and advice provided	1 st qtr. 2015
Action Step 2: Engage legislators	MFA	Legislators contacted	1 st qtr. 2015

Acronyms:

Report: 2014 Report on the Competitiveness of Minnesota’s Primary Forest Products Industry

MDNR: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

MFA: Minnesota Forestry Association

MFI: Minnesota Forest Industries

MFRC: Minnesota Forest Resources Council

MFRP: Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership

TNC: The Nature Conservancy

TPL: Trust for Public Land

UM: University of Minnesota

USFS: United States Forest Service

Note: This document highlights action steps. More details and background about the Report and its recommendations can be found on the MFRP Website: www.mnforestpartnership.com. You are encouraged to read the entire Report and its recommendations.

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