

MHB and MN Forest Resources Council Work Together to Establish a Landscape Committee in North Central Minnesota

The Sustainable Forest Resources Act of 1995 authorized the establishment of regionally based citizen committees to address long term forest resource sustainability within the six designated landscapes in the state (refer to map below). "The goal is to find agreement on how best to achieve forest sustainability in the long run." said Dave Miller, coordinator for the Forest Resource Council's landscape program.

Participation on the regional committee is voluntary with the goal of involving a cross section of people interested in the landscape. Forest industries such as Blandin and Boise Cascade, as well as state, county and federal agencies are already working together to share information necessary to look at the landscape as a whole. The regional committee will use this information to determine the desired future forest conditions, as well as goals and strategies to achieve the desired conditions for the forests in North Central Minnesota.

"I'm glad we have the opportunity to work with the MHB here in the North Central part of the state." stated Miller. "We are trying to cooperate with existing programs to meet common objectives to the maximum extent possible and we have much in common with MHB."

There will be three public informational meetings held in April; all meetings will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.:

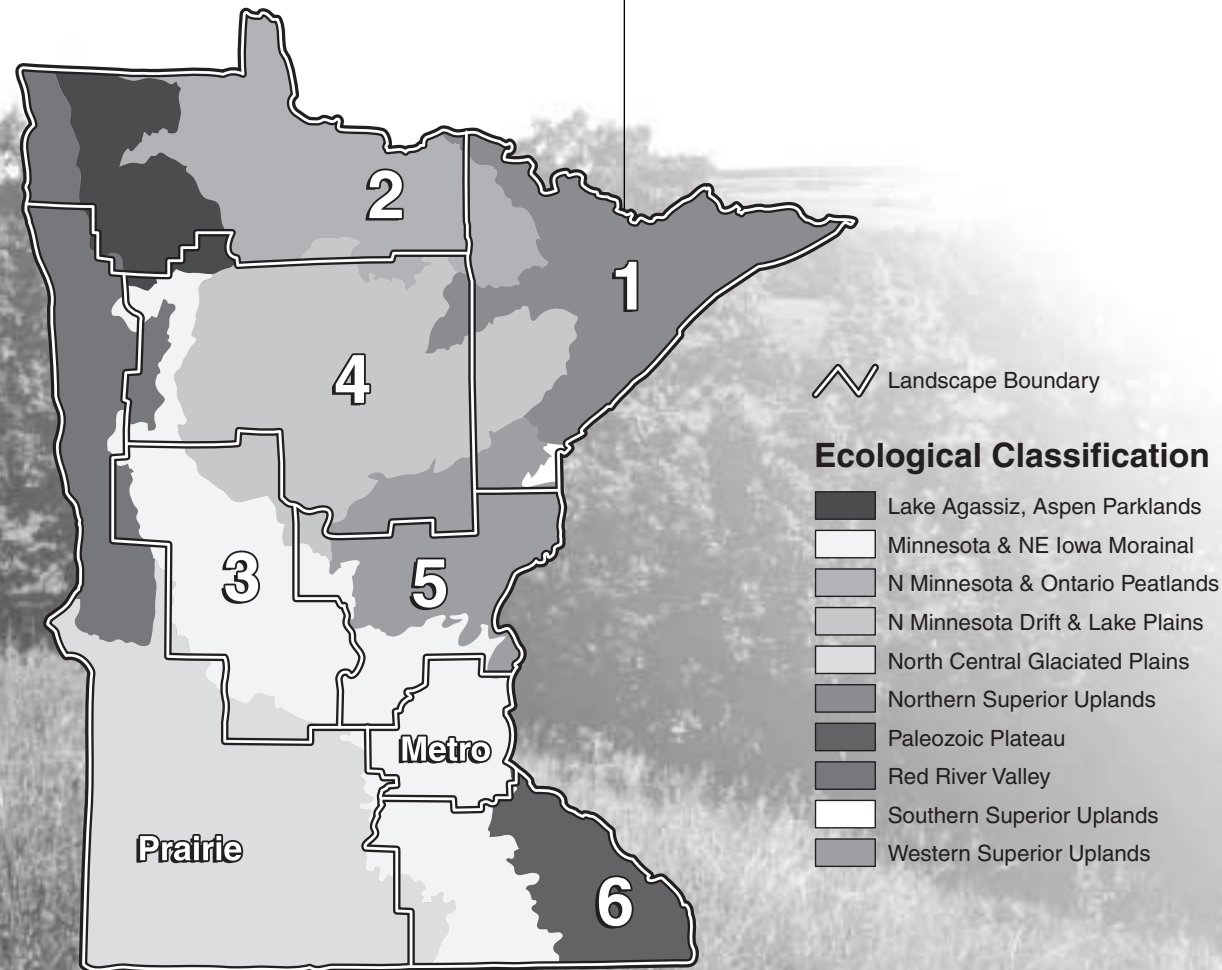
- **April 11, 2000** at Northern Inn Convention Center, Bemidji
- **April 18, 2000** at the Interagency Fire Command Center, Grand Rapids
- **April 20, 2000** at the Cass County Courthouse, Walker

The meetings will provide interested people an opportunity to learn more about the program and sign up to participate if they so desire.

For more information visit MN Forest Resources Council web site at: www.frc.state.mn.us or contact:

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Dave Miller works regularly with the Mississippi Headwaters Board through the Resource Management Partnership (ReMaP) an adhoc group of resource managers which meets monthly in Cass Lake.



Oral History Project Update

Hello to the Readers of this *TIDINGS NEWSLETTER*. I am **Patricia Oliver**, the new Coordinator for the Oral History Project for the Mississippi Headwaters Board. I look forward to meeting many of you for the first time and greeting those of you I have met.

We are through the first year of our Oral History Project on VOICES OF THE RIVER, TRIBUTARIES FROM THE PAST. This Project will be continuing through the year 2000. We have nine interviews in our collection. We need more, all we can get!

Currently, we have two Interviewers who have recorded interviews by eight Narrators locally and one narrator who had to record his interview by phone from New York State. Another Interviewer is ready to go and we are looking forward to receiving his interview tapes soon. **Terry Larson** is interviewing in the Cass Lake Area and **Ray Nelson** in the Pine River area. **Louis Marchand** in the Bemidji area is ready to work on some interviews. If you have a story about the river or its watershed lakes and streams and you know one of these men, be sure to contact them and offer your knowledge of the waters as it played a role in your life.

We have narrations about ricing, resorts on Lake Andrusia, trapping or hunting wolves, mink farming, gathering ginseng, the Armistice Day Blizzard, owning land on Mississippi River at Itasca Park, berry picking and making jam, and other recollections of living with the waters of the upper part of the river and its watershed in Minnesota. Can you help us as an Interviewer or Narrator?

We have planned an Interviewer/Narrator Workshop in the Aitkin area on March 27, 2000. Plans for workshops in the Grand Rapids and Little Falls areas are on our agenda for the near future. Your attendance is welcome. If you can



help us on these, please contact the MHB office or the Coordinator at 218-547-7248.

Collecting Oral History on the first 400 miles of the mighty Mississippi River is long overdue. Your help is needed. If you lived on or near the River, or its tributaries and lakes were a part of your life, livelihood, sports or recreation, you have a story and history that we need to put on tape. Contact us. The River's history, information about transportation on the river waters and lakes, women and their river activities, and the canoe races of the 1940's are of particular interest to this Project, too.

You are the VOICES OF THE RIVER, TRIBUTARIES FROM THE PAST! Join our Project.

Thank you and see you.

Patricia Oliver,
Oral History Project Coordinator.



Earth Day Activity - Involve the community in watershed protection!

Create a community involvement project with storm drain stenciling and paint the image of a fish with the message "Dump No Waste - Drains To River" right on the street. It's a great project for **Earth Day** or **Earth Month!** MHB has a set of stencils to use, just call and request them or e-mail us. Stenciling next to storm drain inlets alerts others to the fate of water runoff and the materials carried with it from lawns and streets.

Stenciling is easy, fun and it really works! Studies in several states show storm drain stencils raise citizen awareness of watershed connections between the storm drain on the street and their local river, lake, groundwater or bay. (Something most folks rarely think about.)

According to a recent Roper survey, most people still blame industry for our water pollution. They overlook the fact that over 60% of water pollution is caused by individual actions, all adding up to polluted storm water runoff. Stenciling and associated programs can help!

Stencilers should always work with and obtain permission from their local government public works or storm water office. For information on how to put together a storm drain stenciling project and tips on pollution prevention, visit the Earthwater website at:

<http://www.earthwater-stencils.com>
or send an e-mail to:
info@earthwater-stencils.com