

**LCCMR Site Visits in Grand Rapids Vicinity
Tuesday, June 12, 2007 and Wednesday June 13, 2007
Agenda**

Tuesday, June 12, 2007 – Updated 6/11/2007 11:11 AM – correction!

Time	Location / Directions	Activity
8:15 am Bus group leaves	Bus departs State Office Building, St. Paul	
10:30 am Fly group leaves	<p>MN DOT planes depart Million Air (Regents Aviation), St. Paul Downtown Airport – 515 Eaton Street, St. Paul</p> <p>Ph: (651) 296-6666</p> <p>Directions:</p> <p><u>Going South</u> on Hwy 52 (Lafayette) take the Eaton Street exit. Turn left at stop sign. Proceed ½ mile to Million Air.</p> <p><u>Going North</u> on Highway 52 (Lafayette) take the Plato Blvd. Exit – this merges into East Lafayette Road. Turn left at stop light onto Plato Blvd. At the next stoplight turn left onto West Lafayette Road (Frontage Road). Proceed to Eaton Street. Turn left at stop sign. Proceed ½ mile to Million Air.</p> <p>Grand Rapids Airport: Airways Aviation Center 2002 Airport Road, Grand Rapids</p> <p>Ph: (218) 326-1226</p> <p>Directions: See June 13 agenda</p>	<p>** DNR to shuttle fliers from plane to Blandin Foundation in Grand Rapids (100 North Pokegama Ave, Grand Rapids) at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Note: Pokegama Avenue goes north where Hwy 169 turns east. The Foundation is North of the river, not south. Stay on Pokegama instead of turning east on Hwy 169!! –</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Correction</p>
12-1230pm 12:30-3:30 pm Site Visit	<p>Blandin Foundation 100 Pokegama Ave, Grand Rapids This is North of the river – working lunch</p> <p>Site visits in UPM Blandin Co lands Wear sturdy shoes, hat, bug protection, sun protection Ph: (218) 327-6482</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus: Sustainable forest management, industrial forest management, timber production on non fragmented forest lands versus fragmented lands, social, economic and natural resource considerations. • Lead: Cheryl Adams (UPM ecologist)

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<p>4:00 – 6:00 pm</p> <p>Easement Seminar</p>	<p>Itasca Community College Continued Learning Center Backes Student Ctr Bldg 1851 E US Hwy 169, Grand Rapids</p> <p>Ph: (218) 327-4460</p> <p>Directions:</p> <p>Itasca Community College is located on Hwy 169 East. You will see the college entrance on the left hand side of the road just as you leave the eastern edge of Grand Rapids.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1: Seminar on Easements and working forest easements. Experts presentation and interaction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief comments on land, water and habitat conservation issues and brief overview of conservation tools available to address conservation issues – Bob Stine, U of M - Conservation easements - Jane Prohaska (Mn Land Trust) - Working forest easements - Tom Duffus (Conservation Fund) - Examples of easements - Doug Thompson (TNC)
<p>6:30 pm</p>	<p>Arrive & Check In at: Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge 37584 Otis Ln, Cohasset</p> <p>Ph: (218) 327-1462</p> <p>Directions from Hwy 2 east:</p> <p>In Grand Rapids turn left (south) on Hwy 169 & go south 7 miles to County Road 17. Turn right and go 5 ½ miles to sign; turn left and follow the signs to main lodge.</p> <p>Directions from Twin Cities to Sugar Lake Lodge:</p> <p>Take Hwy 169 north to County Rd 17 (10 miles north of Hill City). Turn left on County Rd 17 and go 5 ½ miles to our sign; turn left and follow the signs to our main lodge. 178 miles; 3 hours from downtown Minneapolis/St. Paul</p>	
<p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>Sugar Lake Lodge 37584 Otis Ln, Cohasset</p> <p>Ph: (218) 327-1462</p>	<p>Dinner – members in separate dining room – order off menu</p>

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8:00 - 10:00 am Breakfast Meeting	Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge 37584 Otis Ln Cohasset Ph: (218) 327-1462 Directions: See June 12 agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast light buffet (fruit, muffins, etc.) and • Part 2: Easement Seminar – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review DNR draft standards for Forest Legacy easements. (To be considered for approval at a later meeting) Dick Peterson, DNR – Sustainable Forest Incentives Act -SFIA program - Mike Kilgore, U of M – Cass / Aitkin county land exchange project as examples of tools to manage growth and improve forest consolidation Mark Jacobs, Aitkin County and Josh Stevenson, Cass County
10:15 am Checkout and board bus	Sugar Lake Lodge 37584 Otis Ln Cohasset	
10:45 am Site Visit ■■■■■■■■■■ correction	Sugar Hills Forest Conservation Easement Directions: Hwy 169 south of Gr Rapids about 6.5 miles, turn west onto Cty Rd 17, go about 2.5 miles to Cty 449. Left onto 449 travel about 2 miles – At apartment buildings turn left into drive way and straight ahead to tennis courts area, park on north side of tennis courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sugar Hills Forest Conservation Easement – John Rajala (land owner) • Site visits that show contrasts in management under various conditions and development threats • MN County Biological Survey on sites
Noon Lunch (on tour)	On bus and site visit to forest lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box lunch in forest
1:30 pm Depart for Twin Cities	Shuttle to Grand Rapids Airport Airways Aviation Center 2002 Airport Road Grand Rapids Ph: (218) 326-1226 Directions to Airport: ~ ½ mile east of Hwy 169 on south end of Grand Rapids Bus Departs for Twin Cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive St. Paul Regents Aviation by plane at ~ 2:30 pm • Arrive SOB by bus at 5:00 pm