

**LCCMR Site Visits in Western Minnesota
July 9, 10 & 11, 2007
Agenda**

Monday, July 9, 2007

6:00 pm BUS departs from the State Office Building at 6:00 pm. Arrives in Benson, MN at 9:00 pm
Lodging: Country Inn & Suites, 300 – 14th Street South, Benson, MN 56215 Phone: 320-843-4395

Tuesday, July 10

8:15 am FLYING PARTY departs from Regents Aviation, St. Paul Downtown Airport

9:00 am Prairie Horizon Farm (Forbord farm) 11 miles northwest of Benson. **Working land initiative, rotational grazing on prairie grasses, other considerations for biofuel.**

11:00 am Minnesota County Biological Survey (MCBS) site

Topics: **MCBS prairies protection and biodiversity, Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA) and Native Prairie Banks.** TNC prairie sites: either Ordway Prairie or Sheep Berry Fen Prairie (calcareous fens within the "Glacial Lakes" landscape).

12:30 pm Lunch at **Sibley State Park.** Discussion – **State Park Acquisition Needs and State Trail Natural Resource Restoration** (Habitat and Recreation)

3:30 pm Arrive **Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center (ELC): Alternative energy and conservation investments.**

Site tour at Prairie Woods Center followed by Dinner.

6:30 pm Depart to Northern Inn, 154 Lake Ave S, Spicer, MN 56288 Phone: 320-796-2091

Wednesday July 11, 2007

8:00 am – 10:00 am

Wakanda – Little Kandiyohi – Kasota Lakes - Shallow Lake Assessment on Little Kandiyohi Lake: shallow lake ecology, condition of Little Kandi, DNR shallow lake program, DU engineering, inspect fish net if carp are present. Causes of turbidity: carp and nutrient loading. Review restorable wetlands inventory and discuss shallow lake improvement options.

10:45 am – 2:00 pm

Site visit WATER, RIM, CREP, easements, BWSR and USGS RIM easement evaluation. Rock outcrop easement sites and water quality improvement at the Lawrence and June Muetzel farm

2:00 pm **Depart for Twin Cities** - arrive back at State Office Building around 4:00 pm