

LCCMR Northeast Region Site Visit Overview

September 19-21, 2023

The 2023 northeast region site visit will give LCCMR commissioners an opportunity to learn on the ground about recently completed projects supported by ENRTF funds. We will not be able to visit every recently completed project, but our schedule includes a diversity of project types and topics.

We will be circulating a final RSVP form after the July 20th meeting. **Please respond by July 28th at the latest so we can plan logistics accordingly.**

Below is a high-level overview of the three-day trip. Details may change due to scheduling and logistical considerations.

Tuesday, September 19

- Approximately 9:00 AM departure from the State Office Building
- May include stop near Duluth to pick up members, if necessary
- Highlights include:
 - Elk restoration discussion with researchers and tribal partners
 - UMD/NRRI field work demonstrations – peatland ecology, avian distribution and movement, and impacts of EAB on black ash forests
- Overnight stay in Virginia, MN
- Schedule will include lunch and dinner

Wednesday, September 20

- Highlights include:
 - Mesabi Trail excursion
 - Meeting at International Wolf Center
- Overnight stay in Silver Bay, MN
- Schedule will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Thursday, September 21

- Highlights include:
 - Superior Hiking Trail excursion
 - Impacts of PFAS on Minnesota's raptors at Hawk Ridge (during migration season)
- Schedule will include breakfast and lunch
- Return to Duluth early afternoon, and return to State Office Building by 5:00 PM