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16th Annual Sustainable Forestry Conference

FLORENCE, Wis. – The 16th Annual Sustainable Forestry Conference will be held Thursday, April 23rd from 7:50 am until 3:45 pm at the Keyes Peak Ski Lodge, 4960 Hwy 101, four miles south of Florence. This year's conference focuses on "Woods to Market". Wood supply, demand and markets are always changing and so are the regulations related to doing business.

Organizers encourage individuals from Wisconsin and Michigan regional wood products and logging businesses, local government, forestry and land management, school boards and administrators, utilities, economic development, state government and other related associations and resource agencies to attend. A diverse audience has led to excellent discussions and networking at past conferences.

Morning speakers will cover Wood, Supply, Demand and Future Predictions, Drone Use in Forestry Operations, Rare Species and Forest Management, Wetland and Stream Crossings, and Hardwood Regeneration Studies and Issues. Afternoon speakers will address Roundwood Purchasing Trends, Wisconsin Hardwood Exporting, and MI/WI Forest Industry Assistance Programs. The conference ends with Henry Schienebeck, Executive Director with the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association, providing a Wisconsin and Michigan Legislative Update and a WI Forest Practices Study Update.

Attendees must pre-register by April 14th and spaces fill-up fast so sign up soon. View the brochure and register online via credit card at www.lumberjackrcd.org/sustainable-forestry-conference.html. Or print a registration form from this website and mail with a \$35 check written to Extension Florence County, Attn: Sabrina Leffler, 5628 Forestry Drive, Florence, WI 54121. Contact Sabrina with registration questions at 715-528-4480 ext. 1. Wisconsin loggers receive 4 SFI credit hours and Michigan loggers receive 8 SFI credit hours via end of the day paperwork. Forestry professionals receive 6 hours of SAF CFE credits.

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