



**2025 COOPERATING FORESTER STATEWIDE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY APRIL 30, 2025**  
**HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER - STEVENS POINT, WI**



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## MEETING AGENDA

9:00AM **SIGN-IN / NETWORKING**

10:00AM **GENERAL SESSION WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

RON GROPP, WDNR

10:10AM **WELCOME ADDRESS**

DR. KAREN HYUN, PH.D., WDNR SECRETARY

10:30AM **STATE OF FORESTRY**

HEATHER BERKLUND, WDNR STATE FORESTER

10:50AM **DIVISION OF FORESTRY PROGRAM UPDATES**

PRIVATE FORESTRY PROGRAM  
 MANAGED FOREST LAW  
 FOREST HEALTH

RON GROPP / SADIE BROWN  
 RJ WICKHAM  
 PAUL CIGAN

12:00PM **LUNCH**

12:45PM **CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS**

	EXPO 1	EXPO 2	SPRUCE/SANDS
<b>BREAKOUT SESSION A</b>  <b>12:45 – 1:35PM</b>	<b>ASPEN DIVERSIFICATION</b>  RANDEE SMITH COORDINATOR WI YOUNG FOREST PARTNERSHIP  TOM CARLSON BIOLOGIST WI DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	<b>FOREST PRODUCTS: MARKETS, TRENDS &amp; OUTLOOK</b>  ALEX ANDERSON FOREST PRODUCTS SPECIALIST WI DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	<b>DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: ROLE OF THE COOPERATING FORESTER</b>  MATT ESSER & HALEY FRATER DMAP SPECIALISTS WI DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
<b>BREAKOUT SESSION B</b>  <b>1:45 – 2:35PM</b>	<b>SPONGY MOTH / OAK DECLINE: SILVICULTURAL PATHWAYS</b>  PAUL CIGAN & BILL MCNEE FOREST HEALTH SPECIALISTS WI DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	<b>NATURAL CAPITOL &amp; ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT</b>  FORREST GIBEAULT DIRECTOR - PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT AURORA SUSTAINABLE LANDS	<b>TOOLS FOR EFFECTIVE TIMBER CRUISING &amp; OTHER APPLICATIONS</b>  CLAIRE HILLMEYER CLIENT SUCCESS MANAGER LANDMARK SPATIAL SOLUTIONS
<b>BREAKOUT SESSION C</b>  <b>2:45 – 3:35PM</b>	<b>SILVICULTURE TRIALS &amp; RESEARCH UPDATES</b>  GREG EDGE & BRAD HUTNIK SILVICULTURISTS WI DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	<b>FOREST DATA PRICING TRENDS</b>  DAN BLAKE PARTNER FOREST DATA NETWORK	<b>BAT HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN</b>  HEATHER KAARAKKA CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST WI DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

3:45 **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**