MINNESOTA’S COUNTY FOREST LANDS

America’s True Community Forests
Benefits to our communities...

- **Base for natural resources**
- **Stewardship on the land**
- **Net revenue to tax-districts**
282.01 TAX-FORFEITED LANDS; CLASSIFICATION, SALE.
Subdivision 1. Classification as conservation or non-conservation.

(a) When acting on behalf of the state under laws allowing the county board to classify and manage tax-forfeited lands held by the state in trust for the local units as provided in section 281.25, the county board has the discretion to decide that some lands in public ownership should be retained and managed for public benefits while other lands should be returned to private ownership.
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- Forfeited for non-payment of property taxes held by the state in trust for the local units

- 2.7-million total acres

- 2.1-million acres of timberland
  - Forest capable of growing forest products

- 1.4-million acres 3rd party certified
  - FSC and/or SFI
  - Certified for responsible forestry
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“MACLC” =15 Counties (staff = 147)
13 with active forestry programs

- Aitkin
- Becker
- Beltrami
- Carlton
- Cass
- Clearwater
- Cook
- Crow Wing
- Hubbard
- Itasca
- Koochiching
- Lake
- Lake of the Woods
- Pine
- St. Louis
• **282.08 APPORTIONMENT OF PROCEEDS TO TAXING DISTRICTS**
  The net proceeds from the sale or rental of any parcel of forfeited land, or from the *sale of products from the forfeited land*, must be apportioned by the county auditor to the taxing districts interested in the land, as follows:

  • County Board may set aside...
    – no more than 30% for forest development.
    – no more than 20% for recreation development

  • Remaining Balance:
    – 40% County (general fund)
    – 40% School District*
    – 20% Township or City*
      • Unorganized township goes to County

  * Where the funds were generated

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- Private: 36%
- National forest: 15%
- Other Federal: 2%
- Corporate: 3%
- Forest industry: 5%
- State: 24%
- County/Local: 16%
MACLC Timber Harvest
Annual % of Timberland
2011-2016

Harvest %
1.8%
**MINNESOTA’S COUNTY FOREST LANDS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Timberland (acres)</th>
<th>Harvest / Regenerate</th>
<th>Intermediate Treatment</th>
<th>Acres treated (sold)</th>
<th>Volume Sold (cords)</th>
<th>Harvest Cords/Acre</th>
<th>Acres treated (%-timberland)</th>
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MN annual forest growth is about .6 cords/acre/year

MACLC averages harvesting .35 cords/acre/year (58% growth)

.35c/a/y = 5-million cords/year if implemented to all MN timberland acres
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Sustaining Minnesota Forest Resources

MFRC Forestry Guidelines

Annual certification field audits
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Land & Resource Development
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Diverse Recreation Opportunities
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Sponsor thousands of miles of recreation trails
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Wildlife habitat and research projects
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Public outreach & education
Challenges

Deer Browse

User Conflicts

Beaver damage

Exotic/invasive pests

TF Property clean-up/demolition
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No property tax levy dollars!!!
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Clean-up/demolition of blighted tax-forfeited structures...
The newest Big Challenge
Benefits to communities...

- **Base for natural resources**
- **Stewardship on the land**
- **Net revenue to tax-districts**
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2011 – 2016

- 4.3-million cords of timber sold
- 17-million trees planted
- $21-million apportioned to local schools
  - at least that much to the County General Fund!
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Questions

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