

October 30 & 31, 2014
Bat-Friendly Forestry Workshop and Field Tour

Butler Building (301 Minnesota Avenue North)
Aitkin, MN

Thursday, October 30th

8 am – Coffee and Registration

8:30 am – Welcome, Fred Clark, Executive Director Forest Guild

----- What We Know -----

8:45 am – Overview of Forest-Dwelling Bats in Minnesota – Tim Sichmeller, Wildlife Biologist, West, Inc.

9:30 am - Discussion of “Bat-Friendly Forestry” - Mark Jacobs, Aitkin County Land Department

10:15 am Break

----- What We Learned this Summer -----

10:30 pm - Presentation of Private Sector Research Findings – Jennifer Griggs, Senior Environmental Analyst

11:15 am – Presentation of Research Findings and Plans for Future Research – Rich Baker, Minnesota Endangered Species Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Noon – Lunch

1 pm – Discussion of findings from forest certification review - John Owen/Katie Fernholz – Dovetail Partners

----- What We Need -----

1:30 pm - Discussion of Research Gaps, Needs, etc - Kim Chapman, Applied Ecological Services

2:15 pm - Status of the proposed listing of Northern Long-eared Bat - Lisa Mandell, Deputy Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

2:45 pm Next Steps/Discussion

3:30 pm – Adjourn

Friday, October 31st

8:00 am – Gather at parking lot south of courthouse in Aitkin, MN

8:30 am – Carpool to depart for field sites

At least three sites will be visited to review diverse potential bat habitat needs, protection of bat habitat considerations during and after forest management treatments (low intensity and high intensity management), and bat survey methodologies.

Noon – Lunch

1 pm – Return to parking lot in Aitkin and Adjourn

Registration and information available at:

http://www.dovetailinc.org/programs/land_use/bat_friendly_forest_management

Workshop Sponsors include: Dovetail Partners, Aitkin County Land Department, Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners, Blandin Foundation, and the Forest Guild.