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18. Shoreline Forestry

Recommended Actions:

Education efforts should be undertaken to educate riparian landowners, loggers, and the public about shore land ordinances that deal with forestry practices and vegetative cutting.

Implementors:

RAP staff, county zoning officials, county and state forest managers, the Minnesota and Wisconsin Foresters Associations, private forestry consultants, MPCA Public Information Office, WDNR Information and Education Office.

Actions Taken:

8/95: MDNR summary report in file.

4/10/98: Letter sent to Douglas County, MDNR, WDNR.

9/00: (GEIS) Generic Environmental Impact Statement cost millions of dollars and took 3-4 years to complete. The Forest Resource Council in St. Paul was formed to implement GEIS recommendations. They work with other agencies. Two handbooks available to the public have been published; Best Management Practices, one for forest lands and one for wetlands. On going education includes conferences held at forestry centers in Cloquet, Grand Rapids, and International Falls with timber producers and forest industries of Minnesota. Conferences include seminars and field days where on-site training takes place.

10/00: Letter sent to Douglas County Zoning Administrator to attend 1/01 EC meeting.

11/00: Letter sent to MDNR.

Project Status:

Project not completed, but there are one or more agencies currently working on it.