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The 16th Sustainable Forestry Conference

FLORENCE, Wis. – The 16th Sustainable Forestry Conference will be held Wednesday, May 5th from 7:30 am until 3:15 pm at the Keyes Peak Ski Lodge, 4960 Hwy 101, four miles south of Florence. This year's conference focuses on "Changing Forest Industry Dynamics". Wood supply, demand and markets are always changing and so are the technology and best practices related to doing business.

This is an "In-Person" event. 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 Forestry and Logging Techniques to increase Ruffed Grouse Habitat, A Forest Industry Technology Panel, Loggers and Truckers Cooperative Efforts and MI/WI Forestry Industry Assistance Programs. Afternoon speakers will address Financing Options for Forest Industry, Roundwood Purchasing Trends Panel, and MI/WI Legislative and Forest Practices Study Update. The \$35 registration fee includes light breakfast, breaks and lunch. If you rolled over your paid registration from last year, please fill out and return the registration form without the fee so organizers have your most current contact information

Attendees must pre-register by April 26. Spaces fill-up fast so sign up soon. View the brochure and register online via credit card at <https://lumberjackrcd.org/sustainable-forestry-conf>. Or print a registration form from this website, write a \$35 check payable to "Florence County Extension", and mail to Renewable Resource Solutions, 1353 W. Hwy US 2, Suite 2, Crystal Falls, MI 49920. Call (906) 875-3720 with registration questions. Wisconsin and Michigan loggers receive 4 SFI credit hours via end of the day paperwork. Forestry professionals receive 6 hours of SAF CFE credits. WI DNR Cooperating Foresters receive 6 hours of continuing education.

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