

## Wisconsin Council on Forestry: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Lincoln County Service Center, Lincoln County Board Room, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill, WI 54452  
and via Zoom – [Register for the Zoom meeting here](#)

<b>Council Members</b>		
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<b>Next Meeting: October 1-2, 2025 at Kemp Natural Resources Station</b>		

## Agenda

<b>Tuesday, May 20</b>	<b>Notes: Decisions, Action Items, Assignments</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b> Welcome & Member Introductions (Chair Hittle) 20 min	
<b>9:20 AM</b> Chair Update 5 min	
<b>9:25 AM</b> Open Forum for Council Members 20 min	
<b>9:45 AM</b> Legislative Updates 20 min	
<b>10:05 AM</b> State Forester Update National Forest Update	

20 min	
<b>10:25 AM Break, 15 min</b>	
<b>10:40 AM</b> Red Pine and Oak Reforestation Update (Rebekah Luedtke, WCFA Executive Director) 15 min	
<b>10:55 AM</b> Biennial Budget Update (Chair Hittle) 10 min	
<b>11:05 AM</b> WEDC Update (Kietra Olson, Rural Initiatives Manager; Office of Rural Prosperity) 10 min	
<b>11:15 AM</b> Lincoln County Forester Update (Dean Bowe, Lincoln County Forest Administrator) 20 min	
<b>11:35 AM</b> Impact of Cultural Heritage on Forest Management in WI/MN (Ryan Hellenbrand, PhD candidate; UW-Madison) 15 min	
<b>11:50 AM Lunch, 45 min</b>	
<b>12:35 PM</b> NRCS Funding Update (Allan Braun, USDA NRCS Wisconsin State Forester) 30 min	
<b>1:05 PM</b> State Forest Action Plan 5-Year Required Reporting Discussion (Lenny Betker, DNR Division Planner and Abby Widell, DNR Associate Division Planner) 30 min	

<p><b>1:35 PM</b>  White Oak Initiative (Jamie Hedges, White Oak Initiative Network Manager)  30 min</p>	
<p><b>2:05 PM Break, 15 min</b></p>	
<p><b>2:20 PM</b>  Biennial Report Final Edits, Approval, and Distribution Plans (Chair Hittle, Vice Chair Dallman)  <i>Action Item: Approve Report</i>  20 min</p>	
<p><b>2:40 PM</b>  Forest Health Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Hillstrom, DNR Plant Pest and Disease Specialist</li> <li>• Scott O'Donnell, DNR Forest Genetics and Ecology Specialist</li> </ul> <p>60 min</p>	
<p><b>3:40 PM ADJOURN</b></p>	