

## Wisconsin Council on Forestry: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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

| Council Members                                                        |                                            |                                            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Hittle, <i>Chair</i>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Henry Schienebeck | <input type="checkbox"/> William Van Lopik |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Dallman, <i>Vice Chair</i>               | <input type="checkbox"/> James Hoppe       | <input type="checkbox"/> Brad Dorff        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Berklund, <i>Chief State Forester</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> James Kerkman     | <input type="checkbox"/> Adena Rissman     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senator Romaine Quinn                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Olson        | <input type="checkbox"/> Buddy Huffaker    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senator Jamie Wall                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Janelle Crocker   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebekah Luedtke   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representative Jeff Mursau                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Jordan Skiff      | <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN-Builders     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representative Lori Palmeri                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Erik Rantala      |                                            |
| <b>Next Meeting:</b> Next council meeting: March 10                    |                                            |                                            |

## Agenda

| Tuesday, January 27                                                                                                                   | Notes: Decisions, Action Items, Assignments |
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| <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Welcome & Member Introductions (Chair Hittle)<br>20 min                                                             |                                             |
| <b>9:20 AM</b><br>Chair Update<br>10 min                                                                                              |                                             |
| <b>9:30 AM</b><br>Operational Guideline Updates (Chair Hittle)<br><i>Action Item: Approve Updated Operational Guidelines</i><br>5 min |                                             |
| <b>9:35 AM</b><br>Open Forum for Council Members<br>15 min                                                                            |                                             |
| <b>9:50 AM</b><br>Legislative Updates<br>20 min                                                                                       |                                             |

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| <b>10:10 AM</b><br>State Forester Updates<br>National Forest Updates<br>20 min                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| <b>10:30 AM Break, 15 min</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <b>10:45 AM</b><br>Sustainable Aviation Fuel Update (Chair Hittle)<br><i>Potential Action Item</i><br>45 min                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <b>11:30 AM</b><br>Red Pine and Oak Initiative Update (Chair Hittle)<br><b>15 min</b>                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <b>11:45 AM Lunch, 45 min</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <b>12:30 PM</b><br>WDNR Forestland Inventory and Report (Kristin Lambert,<br>DNR Public and Private Forestry Section Chief & Teague<br>Prichard, DNR State Forest Specialist)<br>20 min                                                              |  |
| <b>12:50 PM</b><br>WisFIRs introduction (Kristin Lambert, DNR Public and<br>Private Forestry Section Chief; Doug Brown, DNR County<br>Forest Specialist; R.J. Wickham, DNR Tax Law Section Chief;<br>Julie Church, DNR Tax Law Specialist)<br>60 min |  |
| <b>1:50 PM</b><br>Forestry Program Funding Efforts Update (Chair Hittle)<br>20 min                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <b>2:10 Break, 15 min</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>2:25 PM</b><br>WI Forests FIRST Update on Steering Committee and<br>Project Manager (Chair Hittle/Project Manager)<br>45 min                                                                                                                      |  |
| <b>3:10 PM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |

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| Forestry Works Initiative (Stephanie Fuller Johnson, Director of Promotions and Economic Development)<br>30 min |  |
| <b>3:40 PM, Adjourn</b>                                                                                         |  |