

Wisconsin Council on Forestry: September 16, 2026

Location: Rhinelander DNR Service Center, Conference Room 1, 107 Sutliff Ave, Rhinelander, WI,
and via Zoom – [Register for the Zoom meeting here](#)

Council Members

☐ Tom Hittle, <i>Chair</i>	☐ Henry Schienebeck	☐ William Van Lopik
☐ Matt Dallman, <i>Vice Chair</i>	☐ James Hoppe	☐ Brad Dorff
☐ Heather Berklund, <i>Chief State Forester</i>	☐ James Kerkman	☐ Adena Rissman
☐ Senator Romaine Quinn	☐ Eric Olson	☐ Buddy Huffaker
☐ Senator Jamie Wall	☐ Steve Kuennen	☐ Rebekah Luedtke
☐ Representative Jeff Mursau	☐ Jordan Skiff	OPEN-Builders
☐ Representative Lori Palmeri	☐ Erik Rantala	

Agenda

Welcome & Member Introductions (Chair Hittle)

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.

Chair Update

9:10 – 9:25 a.m.

Notes:

Open Forum for Council Members

9:25 – 9:45 a.m.

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Legislative Updates

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.

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State Forester and National Forest Updates

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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Break: 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

WI Forests FIRST Update (Chair Hittle)

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

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Workforce Development Discussion (Dr. Adena Rissman, UW Madison Dept. Of Forest and Wildlife Ecology Professor and Steph Lange, Wisconsin Forestry Center Associate Director)

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

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Lunch: 12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

State Biennial Budget Next Steps and Discussion (Chair Hittle)

1:00 – 1:20 p.m.

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Reforestation Update (Chair Hittle)

1:20 – 1:45 p.m.

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Break: 1:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Northern Pine Management Initiative (Jed Meunier, DNR Division of Forestry Fire/Landscape Disturbance Researcher)

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

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Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Discussion (Chair Hittle and Vice Chair Dallman)

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

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Adjourn: 3:15 p.m.