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### Association News

## Annual Meeting

The 2008 annual meeting is history now. Look for a full report in the fall issue of Michigan Forests. About 60 people attended.

Article IX of the by laws was adopted as recommended; Article X was deferred because of an inadvertent omission. Article X will be taken up at next year's meeting.

Next year's meeting, by the way, will be in the eastern Upper Peninsula, centered at Karen and Rich Serfass's Tree Farm near Cedarville. Make plans to come and see this beautiful part of Michigan.

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### Get the Low-Down on Wild Boars

MFA members heard an interesting, if somewhat disturbing, talk on the status of wild boars in Michigan at the meeting in St. Charles. Dr. Patrick Ruzs, of the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy, said we are at a critical point in Michigan at which we might be able to keep the wild pigs under control, but we must be willing to act. This means shooting them on sight, provided we have a hunting license.

Dr Ruzs said there are boars in 63 Michigan counties already and likened them to "terrestrial lampreys". He announced two upcoming programs at which Dr. John Mayer, "the nation's foremost expert on wild hogs and their impacts", will speak on this subject. The programs are sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Pork Producers Association and Chippewa Nature Center. They will be held as follows:

Saturday, September 13, 3:30 P.M.  
Chippewa Nature Center  
400 S. Bauer Road  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-631-0830

Sunday September 14, 3:00 P.M.  
Bengel Wildlife Center  
6380 Drumheller Road  
Bath, MI 48808  
517-641-7677

... and Deer

We (MFA) have been invited to participate with the Department of Natural Resources in a Michigan Citizen Deer Advisory Team (CDAT) which will begin its work some time in September. Participants will be sought for 5 regional teams as well as a statewide team. The regional teams will cover the eastern Upper Peninsula, western Upper Peninsula, northern Lower Peninsula, southeast Lower Peninsula and southwest Lower Peninsula. If you are interested in participating on behalf of MFA, please let us know at the MFA office at 6120 S. Clinton Trail, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827, 517-663-3423 or at the e-mail site listed on the masthead of this newsletter. Team members will be selected from those who notify us. This could be an important time for us to voice our concerns about the deer herd.

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## DNR Seeking Input on Upper Peninsula State Forests

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites you to attend one or more of a series of informational meetings to provide information and receive public comment on proposed Management Areas for a Regional State Forest Management Plan for the Western Upper Peninsula Eco-region. The meetings will be held at four locations:

**September 4, 2008**, 7:00 P.M. EST  
Ford Forestry Center  
21235 Alberta Avenue  
L'Anse, MI  
Focused on the Baraga Forest Mgt. Unit (FMU)

**September 5, 2008**, 7:00 P.M. EST  
Charcoal Room, Don Bottum University Center  
Northern Michigan University  
101 Presque Isle Avenue,  
Marquette, MI  
Focused on the Gwinn FMU

**September 8, 2008**, 7:00 P.M. CST  
Crystal Falls Township Hall  
1384 West US - 2  
Crystal Falls, MI  
Focused on the Crystal Falls FMU

**September 9, 2008**, 7:00 P.M. EST  
Room 952, Joseph Herman University Center  
Bay De Noc Community College  
2001 North Lincoln Road  
Escanaba, MI  
Focused on the Escanaba FMU

At each meeting, citizens will be able to examine Management Area maps and discuss preliminary management concepts with DNR resource managers.

Management Areas are groupings of existing management compartments that have similar attributes, such as vegetation types, landforms or ownership patterns. Specific management direction for each Management Area will be incorporated into the Western U.P. Regional State Forest Management Plan...

Persons not able to attend the meetings may send correspondence by October 10, 2008 to [DNR-WUP-Eco-Team@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-WUP-Eco-Team@michigan.gov) or by postal mail to WUP Ecoteam, DNR Marquette OSC, US-41 South, Marquette, MI 49855.

Future public meetings will be scheduled when draft and final versions of the WUP Plan are completed.

### Interesting Meetings

September 13 Forestry Field Day, 8399 M-134, Cedarville, MI 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. sponsored by Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District and Michigan Tree Farm System.

September 22-23 Logger Training and Education Conference, Hilton Inn, Minneapolis, MN. Contact Mary Dean, Forest Resources Association, Inc., 600 Jefferson Plaza #350, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-838-9481

For a more thorough list of upcoming events, visit <http://www.miforestpathways.net/1-calendar.htm>.