

**Please join us for the...**

**2017 NORTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODLAND OWNERS CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

**Registration starting at 8:30 am; Conference 9:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**Northeast WI Technical College, Student Center Room 132**

**2740 West Mason Street**

**Green Bay, WI**

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**Agenda**

- 8:30—9:00 am     **Registration & Light Refreshments**
- 9:00—9:10 am     **Welcome**  
*Mike Hofberger—Glacierland RC&D*  
*Dennis Meyer—Expera Specialty Solutions & Wisconsin SFI*
- 9:10—10:00 am    **Cougars, Bears & Wolves—Oh My!**  
*David MacFarland—Large Carnivore Specialist, Wisconsin DNR*
- 10:00—10:50 am   **Forest Health Update**  
*Linda Williams—Forest Health Specialist, Wisconsin DNR*
- 10:50—11:10 am   **Break & Refreshments**
- 11:10—12:10 pm   **Panel: Assistance to Woodland Owners**  
*Steve Kaufman —Wisconsin DNR*  
*Ryan Schleifer—Verso Corporation*  
*Don Peterson—Wisconsin Consulting Foresters*
- 12:10—12:30 pm   **2016 Conference Survey Follow-up**  
*Don Peterson—Glacierland RC&D*
- 12:30 pm            **Wrap-up & Opportunities to speak with DNR Foresters**



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Room SC132  
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## Building Entrance



## Speakers

**David MacFarland** is the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Large Carnivore Specialist. In this role he coordinates the state's wolf, bear and cougar programs. David began his career with the DNR as the Carnivore Research Scientist before transitioning to his current role in 2013. David has a passion for Wisconsin's wildlife and the lands they depend on, much of which is privately held and managed woodlands. He lives in a red oak forest outside of Rhinelander with his wife and 2 young kids. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, skiing and biking in Wisconsin's Northwoods.

**Ryan Schleifer** is a Senior Procurement Forester at Verso Corporation. Ryan has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point in Forest Administration and Utilization with a minor in Business Administration. He is a WI DNR Cooperating Forester and MFL Certified Plan Writer. Ryan began his career with the company 10 years ago working in northeastern Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan, assisting private landowners with sustainable forest management. Currently, Ryan coordinates pulpwood purchases from logging firms and private landowners for paper mills in central Wisconsin. He resides in the Stevens Point area with his wife and two daughters. His

interests include family camping, fishing, hiking and helping with kid's activities.

**Linda Williams** is the DNR Forest Health Specialist covering 13 counties in northeastern Wisconsin. She works with foresters and landowners to diagnose forest health problems from insect and disease issues, to abiotic issues like weather and storm damage, to human caused problems. She has been with the Wisconsin DNR for 17 years.

**Steve Kaufman** is the DNR Forester covering private lands in Brown County and state lands in Brown, Outagamie, and Southern Shawano. Most of his job is managing forests on state properties while he also works with private forest landowners. Steve has been with the DNR for 9 years and has previously worked in Marinette and Manitowoc Counties. Steve also works in wildland firefighting.

**Don Peterson**, President of Renewable Resource Solutions, LLC, is a consulting forester. Don is Chairman of the Wisconsin Consulting Forester Association and Administrator of the Wisconsin Master Logger Certification Program, as well as Executive Director of Glacierland RC&D.

