

Commenting on Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Section Forest Resource Management Plans

Feedback from tribal agencies, stakeholders, and the public is important to the SFRMP development process. Feedback that is clear, concise, and relevant will be understood more easily and will have a better chance of affecting the final version of the plan.

How to communicate your message most effectively

The most helpful comments are specific and substantive. In general, substantive questions or solution-oriented positions with examples should be provided. This chart provides examples of more and less substantive comments:

Substantive comments (more useful)	Less-substantive comments (less useful)
Recommend changes or revisions in one or more SFRMP strategies.	Present comments that don't pertain specifically to the SFRMP.
Present new information relevant to informing the plan's management guidance that has not been evaluated.	Are simply in favor of or against the proposed guidance in the plan without providing a rationale.
Question, with reasonable basis, the methodology or assumptions used to develop guidance in the plan.	Present comments that only agree or disagree with other DNR policies or decisions.
Question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of the information provided in the plan.	Present vague, open-ended questions about general direction or strategy statements in the plan.

How to participate and provide input

Please submit input via email to FOR.planners.DNR@state.mn.us.

How the DNR will use input

The DNR forest resources planning team will read and evaluate all comments. Recommendations consistent with all laws, policies, and DNR forest resource management direction that add value to the plan will be used to revise the SFRMPs.