



A symposium

## **Celebrating 50 years of Ecosystem Research: Peatland Biogeochemistry and Watershed Hydrology at the Marcell Experimental Forest**

will be held 23-25 June 2009  
in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, USA

A 3 day symposium will be held in June 2009 to celebrate the science legacy of the Marcell Experimental Forest (MEF). Leading up to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010 and the publication of a book on the MEF, we are convening a conference to synthesize past research, current research efforts, and exciting prospects for future research in peatland / upland systems. A poster session is also planned to highlight research at the MEF and other work from throughout the Lake States region and elsewhere.

In addition to the scientific program:

- There will be a field visit to the MEF to tour the new science research center, new and old research sites, and time for those interested in just exploring and enjoying the forest.
- There are many opportunities for outdoor recreation at the conference facilities and throughout the region, more information will be forthcoming.
- We will have a dinner banquet on June 24<sup>th</sup> that will provide the opportunity to share memories with members of the MEF community.

Conference registration and lodging information will come soon, but please add the symposium dates to your calendar. To receive further conference information please send an e-mail to: [ssebestyen@fs.fed.us](mailto:ssebestyen@fs.fed.us). If you know of others, please send an e-mail with their contact information.

**Meeting venue:** Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
[http://www.visitgrandrapids.com/link\\_outs/sugar\\_lake\\_lodge.html](http://www.visitgrandrapids.com/link_outs/sugar_lake_lodge.html)

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