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Cabin Trust Seminars in Ely and Gull Lake

Hello,

We hope that you have all found the time to make it up to the cabin or woods this year. We want to get you an update on a number of issues as we head into summer. Enjoy this special family time together.

CABIN TRUST SEMINARS

MSRPO is sponsoring two of our popular legacy seminars up north this summer. Learn how to pass your cabin or hunting land onto the next generation -- for more information call 651-641-0001. Seating is limited -- call to reserve a place today.

Back by popular demand, our "Up North Seminars" will be held July 6th at the Grand Ely Lodge, in Ely, MN and July 8th at Madden's Resort in

Tuesday, July 6
2:00-3:45 p.m.
Grand Ely Lodge
400 North Pioneer Road
Ely, MN

Thursday, July 8
10:00-11:45 a.m.
Madden's on Gull Lake
11266 Pine Beach Peninsula
Brainerd, MN

Brainerd, MN. The Ely Seminar starts at 2:00 p.m. and ends at approximately 3:45 p.m. The Madden's seminar starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends approximately 11:45 a.m.. Mark your calendars -- you won't want to miss these seminars being co-sponsored by the Minnesota Seasonal and Recreational Property Owners Coalition (MSRPO). Learn the right ways to plan for your family's cabin or recreational property. We will be discussing cabin trusts, cabin LLCs and the use of tenant in common (TIC) agreements. Seating will be limited at these COMPLIMENTARY seminars and registration will be required. To hold your seats for these summer seminars, please call 651.641.0001 or you can email us below. If you register via email, please let us know the date and time of the seminar you would like to attend and how many people will be attending.

Star Tribune Lake Shore Development Series

The *Star Tribune* began a three part series on the Development of Lake Shore last week. [Here is a link](#) in case you haven't seen it.

The core argument is that efforts to protect our lakes -- despite the new Legacy



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Amendment Money -- are failing. Our lakes are becoming more polluted. Outdated regulations are inadequate, short-sighted zoning boards short circuit rules with variances, and enforcement is uneven, dependent on the political winds of the day.

MSRPO has an answer -- incentives. We need to build our tax system so that burden shifts from those who protect lakes onto those who consume them. At present, if I own an undeveloped stretch of shoreline, and my neighbor sells their lot to an owner who decides to tear out native vegetation, build a huge home, and plant lawn down to the shore, my taxes go up.

Every time a lot is developed in my area, the current ad valorem system forces my taxes higher. Those of us who own shoreline and are working to protect our lakes are literally underwriting their destruction through our property taxes. Eventually, on high development lakes, the land becomes so valuable that very very few can afford to hold undeveloped tracts. When they sell, their land is subdivided and developed and the trend accelerates.

We must reverse this perverse incentive. We can no longer afford to underwrite the development of our riparian areas with property tax subsidies. In 2011, MSRPO will introduce legislation aimed at providing working incentives for people who want to protect shoreline.

A few years back, the DNR began the process of rewriting the statewide minimum standards for lakeshore development. At present, there is a draft of the new regulations. At the same time, the DNR also began to review and rewrite statewide standards for structures in public waters (docks). [View the rules and the processes.](#)

If you have any question regarding the proposed shoreline rules, contact Peder Otterson at peder.otterson@dnr.state.mn.us

If you have questions concerning the proposed Structures in Public Waters contact Tom Hovey at tom.hovey@state.mn.us.

Can't wait to learn about cabin planning? Click on the links below to read the Goffe and Brown PDF articles on family cabin planning.

[Keeping the Cabin in the Family: A Guide to Joint Ownership and Use](#) by Wendy S. Goffe

[A Family Affair: Preserving and Passing on Summer Homes](#) by Nell Porter Brown

Hope to see you in Ely or at Madden's!

Sincerely,



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