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*Minnesota Seasonal Recreational Property Owners*

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## *Greetings Seasonal Owners:*

Over the summer, Independent School District 2142 asked residents how they felt about various plans to consolidate the schools in the district. ISD 2142, which covers much of northern Saint Louis County, is cabin country. Both the wording of the District's questions and the responses by residents revealed disturbing biases.

Many residents thought that cabin owners were not currently paying ANY taxes to support schools.

*The Timberjay Newspaper* published MSRPO's response - click [here](#) to read it.

Cabins do pay school taxes. In over 200 taxing districts in the state, seasonal property pays more than half the school budgets. As a percent of dollar of value, seasonal almost always pays more than local homesteads, even though we cannot use the schools.

Contact your legislators and Governor Pawlenty now, BEFORE the session, when they have time.

Click [here](#) to find out who represents you.

Call or email Governor Pawlenty at:

Telephone: (651) 296-3391

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Tell them:

- It is time to end the subsidy of Business Property Taxes by cabin and hunting land owners - seasonal is the only property so burdened.
- It is time to stop forcing the state's budget problem down to local government.
- Property taxes are a tax, and seasonal property owners have paid far more than their fair share in recent years.

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Now!

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WHERE YOUR CABIN OR HUNTING LAND IS LOCATED. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**Don't forget:**

**Mark Your Calendar**

2009 Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009  
7:00 to 9:00 PM  
[Best Western Kelly Inn](#)  
Phone 651-227-8711

Peder Otterson, Minnesota DNR, will tell us about the update of the state's minimum shoreline standards. These rules were last updated in the 1980s, and the state is nearing the end of the many years long process of rewriting them.

Dean Current from the University of Minnesota will also give a short talk on Carbon Credits, and how owners of forest land might be able to get paid to manage their forestland to sequester carbon by growing trees.

Enjoy these last few days up north closing up, or getting ready for deer season. We hope to see you in October.

Sincerely,



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