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Bill and Betsy Downing
1834 Simpson Avenue
St Paul MN 55113

Dear Bill and Betsy,

Enclosed is a management plan for your property located in sections 9 & 16-57-25. This land has many potential stewardship opportunities. Your concern for the land and your desire to carry out the activities is to be commended. In view of this, I'm pleased to provide you with this woodland stewardship plan.

The information that follows includes two components. The first section is a customized plan that describes your property and includes management options and specific recommendations. It matches your goals with the potential of the land. The plan is located behind the pink tab. Also included in this section is a place to keep records (green tabs). The remainder (white tabs) is reference material for your general use. This information also will assist you with specific decisions needed to carry out the recommendations.

Also included in the front of this book is a registration form. Be sure to register your plan by sending this form to St Paul. Future updates will be mailed to everyone who returns this form. Registration is also required to be eligible to receive stewardship cost-share funds. You do not have to send in a donation with your registration. This is strictly voluntary.

Projects that can be pursued include: timber harvesting, aspen regeneration, and conifer and hardwood tree planting. Accomplishing these activities will provide benefits to you and the environment.

The DNR is able to provide field assistance needed to carry out your plan. However, for some projects that you may pursue, we may refer you to a more appropriate source of professional support. Financial assistance may also be available for activities that do not generate revenue.

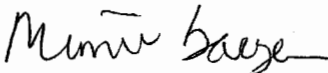
If you are interested in becoming a member of the American Tree Farm system, I can also help you with that. To become a member you need to show active stewardship involvement. Upon becoming a member, you will receive a sign to place on your property proclaiming your membership, a certificate and the opportunity to subscribe to the Tree Farmer magazine. Tours, demonstrations and classes are also sponsored by the local Tree Farm chapter.

If you do decide to harvest some of your timber, there are several different sources of help you can seek. The DNR can provide assistance for a fee of 13% of the value of the timber sold. This fee includes all of the sales preparation work, the appraisal and a list of bidders. We cannot act as your agent during the sale though. UPM Kymmene - Blandin, and Potlatch also can help you with a sale. Normally they do not charge a fee for their services, but they do get first refusal on the wood. You probably will not get a price as high as you would through bidding, but it will be a fair price.

Private consultants can also manage the entire sale for you. They normally base their fee on a percentage of the value of the timber being sold. I can give you a list of consultants that could oversee the entire sale. I can also provide you with detailed information if you decide to harvest any timber.

As a property owner and land steward, you have the responsibilities and opportunities of protecting, improving, using, and enjoying your woodland. I wish you well and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mimi Barzen".

Mimi Barzen
Forester