

**89A.09 INTERAGENCY INFORMATION COOPERATIVE.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The dean of the University of Minnesota, College of Natural Resources, shall be encouraged to coordinate the establishment of an Interagency Information Cooperative. Members of the cooperative must include:

- (1) the University of Minnesota, College of Natural Resources;
- (2) the University of Minnesota, Natural Resources Research Institute;
- (3) the department;
- (4) the Land Management Information Center;
- (5) the Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners;
- (6) the United States Forest Service; and
- (7) other organizations as deemed appropriate by the members.

Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The purposes of the cooperative are to:

- (1) coordinate the development and use of forest resources data in the state;
- (2) promote the development of statewide guidelines and common language to enhance the ability of public and private organizations and institutions to share forest resources data;
- (3) promote the development of information systems that support access to important forest resources data;
- (4) promote improvement in the accuracy, reliability, and statistical soundness of fundamental forest resources data;
- (5) promote linkages and integration of forest resources data to other natural resource information;
- (6) promote access and use of forest resources data and information systems in decision-making by a variety of public and private organizations;
- (7) promote expanding the capacity and reliability of forest growth, succession, and other types of ecological models; and
- (8) conduct a needs assessment for improving the quality and quantity of information systems.

Subd. 3. **Report.** The information cooperative shall report to the council its accomplishments in fulfilling the responsibilities identified in this section.

**History:** *1995 c 220 s 86,141,142; 1995 c 263 s 12; 1996 c 351 s 1; 1999 c 231 s 191; 1Sp2001 c 2 s 151; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 108; 2004 c 241 s 4*