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The Forestry Futures Trust has partnered with the MNR to administer the enhanced Forest Resource Inventory (eFRI) program. The enhancements to the Forest Inventory program include: a change to a ten-year collection cycle, evolution towards a continuous inventory update, digital imagery, improved data quality and a three phased approach to field sampling.

We have identified you as a key person with an interest in the provincial eFRI and are asking you to help us identify research, development and training needs for optimal use of the inventory. We invite you to complete the attached survey to assist us in this endeavor.

The survey has been split into two sections:

- Research and Development
- Training

The results of this survey will help set direction for a Focus Group discussion. Your input will remain confidential. Please e-mail your responses to admin@forestryfutures.com by January 31, 2011.

Please note that these results will collaboratively build on direction from the "Taking Stock" survey/workshop (January 26, 2011, Kapuskasing, ON) sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Forestry.

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Please forward this to any of your colleagues that utilize this inventory or have an interest in this topic.

If you have comments or questions please feel free to contact me at (807) 343-8117.

Sincerely,

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Chair