

Joint Statement from the University of Minnesota and Fond du Lac Band regarding the Cloquet Forestry Center

March 5th, 2025

"The University and the Fond du Lac Band have reached an agreement in principle, to be executed upon the closing of the transfer of the Cloquet Forestry Center property from the University to the Band, that allows the University to continue operations on the Cloquet Forestry Center property after the transfer in close collaboration with the Band. Specifically, the University will continue to operate and maintain the Cloquet Forestry Center grounds for research, education and outreach purposes consistent with the University's mission and in cooperation with the Band. University research projects on the Cloquet Forestry Center property will continue in accordance with guidelines and procedures established by the University and the Band that are in place today. The University will not be required to pay rent under the arrangement. The agreement has a seven-year term and will automatically continue thereafter unless a party gives at least six years' notice of its desire to terminate."