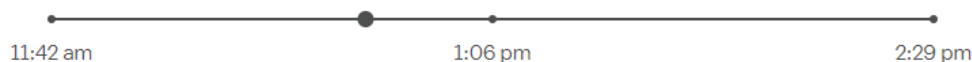


Minnesota River Weekly Update

Aug 22, 2017

In zip code **56001**, you will see a
partial solar eclipse.

The eclipse will peak at **1:05:59 pm CDT**, when the moon
obscures **86.8%** of the sun.



A screenshot from an online [interactive map](#) that described exactly when the eclipse began, peaked and ended for zip code 56001, on 21st August.

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Contributors: [Casey Miller](#), [Ryan Mark](#), and [Brian Resnick](#)

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Announcements

Studies on Zumbro River watershed: Trout streams need protection, others need work

August 22, 2017, [Cathy Rofshus](#)

Some waters are in good shape while many need work in the Zumbro River watershed in southeastern Minnesota, according to recent studies by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Zumbro Watershed Partnership and other partners. This watershed drains 909,000 acres in Olmsted, Dodge, Wabasha, Goodhue, Steele and Rice counties. The landscape is diverse, with most of it used for agriculture. Yet its cities are growing, most notably Rochester, home of the Mayo Clinic. The lakes and streams vary in water quality and the groundwater is sensitive to pollution. While trout streams tend to be in good shape here and some pollutants have decreased, concerns include increases in nitrogen pollution, poor habitat conditions in some places, and bacteria levels in several streams. To see the full studies, go to the agency website at www.pca.state.mn.us and search for “Zumbro River watershed.” The public may comment on these studies through September 20. ([read more](#))

MPCA releases its proposal for protecting wild rice from excess sulfide

[Cathy Rofshus](#), August 21, 2017, MPCA

After years of research, data analysis, consultation with tribes, and gathering input from stakeholders, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has released its proposed changes to Minnesota rules that are meant to protect wild rice from certain types of pollution. The existing rule (or standard) limits sulfate to 10 milligrams per liter in water used for the production of wild rice. The proposed rule would limit sulfide in the sediment in which wild rice grows to 120 micrograms per liter. The MPCA is soliciting public comment on the proposed rule now. Visit the M-P-C-A web site at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/protecting-wild-rice-waters> for more information on the proposed rule, the science supporting it, and the rulemaking process. ([read more](#))

Funding Available for Sustainable Agriculture Projects

AGRI Grants Help Farmers Test New Ideas to Drive Sustainability

08/17/2017, MDA

St. Paul, MN: The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for Agricultural Growth, Research and Innovation (AGRI) Sustainable Agriculture and Demonstration Grants. Approximately \$250,000 is available to fund projects that explore new ways of conserving natural resources, enhancing farm

profitability, increasing energy efficiency, and improving life in rural communities. Farmer David Abazs hopes his grant funds will help demonstrate a cost-effective way to increase soil health on the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center School's organic farm. Abazs is testing a variety of materials, including lime, wood ash, and biochar for their ability to affect soil chemistry and increase pH levels of the acidic soils in Lake County. ([read more](#))

One new lake confirmed after 20-county starry stonewort search

August 15, 2017, DNR

Following an organized search of 178 lakes in 20 counties by 200 trained volunteers, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed the invasive algae starry stonewort in Grand Lake in Stearns County. This is the first new confirmation of starry stonewort in a Minnesota lake in 2017. Two other Stearns County lakes were previously confirmed to have starry stonewort: Rice Lake last year and Lake Koronis in 2015. Koronis was the first Minnesota lake where starry stonewort was confirmed. DNR invasive species specialists confirmed a light, isolated growth of starry stonewort near Grand Lake's public access. Treatment options are being considered. To date, starry stonewort has not been eradicated from any lake in the United States. ([read more](#))

DNR awards \$450,000 in grants to protect coastal resources

August 17, 2017, DNR

Through a federal grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' has awarded more than \$450,000 in local grants to protect and enhance inland coastal resources. The annual grant program is managed by the Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program, which is a voluntary federal-state partnership distributing federal dollars to projects along the inland coast of Lake Superior. This year, grant funding is being awarded to nine projects in the coastal area. For 18 years, the DNR and NOAA have worked together to better Minnesota's inland coast. Together, the agencies have granted \$12.6 million in pass-through funding to more than 550 local projects and provided thousands of hours of technical assistance. Projects are selected for funding through an annual competitive grants process. ([read more](#))

News

Dayton's water-quality meeting draws 200

Farmers, city officials, water-lovers convene to tackle pollution

[Mark Fischenich](#), Aug 16, 2017

MANKATO — Both the complexity of Minnesota's water problems and the

More lands to hunt through Walk-In Access program

August 21, 2017, DNR

Beginning Friday, Sept. 1, hunters can access 26,700 acres of private land across 46 counties in western and south-central Minnesota through the Walk-In Access

strong public interest in solving them were in evidence at a community water meeting hosted by Gov. Mark Dayton in Mankato Wednesday night. The event was the second of 10 "Water Town Hall" meetings Dayton and key commissioners are holding in all corners of the state this summer to build support and consensus for the governor's plan to reduce water pollution by 25 percent by 2025. Kim Musser, the acting director of MSU's Water Resources Center, laid out the plight of water in south-central Minnesota. She mentioned how the area's iconic Minneopa Falls routinely turn green from algae. She showed maps of nitrogen, phosphorus and suspended-solid levels across Minnesota. All agricultural regions of the state have problems with one or two of the pollutants, but south-central Minnesota hits the trifecta. ([read more](#))

Mankato to Dayton: Do better on water quality

[Mark Steil](#) · Mankato, Minn. · Aug 16, 2017

Anyone who thinks farm runoff is strictly a rural issue should visit Mankato. Rivers surrounding this city of more than 40,000 people are heavily polluted, largely thanks to agricultural runoff, and taxpayers are shelling out growing amounts of money to deal with it. Mankato officials want the state to do more to stop farm runoff, which is a major source of water pollution. City Manager Pat Hentges said he wants to tell the governor something's missing in state water-pollution efforts. Mankato has done its part, Hentges said, and it's only facing more impending costs relating to water pollution. ([read more](#))

Koi may be able to clean up Minnesota waters

[Jim Rueda](#), Aug 19, 2017

program. The Walk-In Access program pays landowners to allow hunter access. Hunters with a \$3 Walk-In Access validation may hunt during legal hunting hours, during open hunting seasons from Sept. 1 to May 31. No additional landowner contact is necessary. More than 230 sites across 46 counties are available through the program. Bright yellow-green signs have been placed on Walk-In Access boundaries. ([read more](#))

Final environmental review for Line 67 pipeline released

[News Tribune](#) on Aug 15, 2017

Enbridge's push to carry an additional 390,000 barrels of oil per day between Canada and the Superior terminal on its [Line 67 pipeline](#) came one step closer with the release of the [final supplemental environmental impact statement](#) Friday. The U.S. Secretary of State, former oil executive Rex Tillerson, will use the document to determine if the move is in the national interest and whether Enbridge can increase the flow of oil across the Canadian border.

Environmental and tribal advocates have attempted to stop the expansion to prevent further use of tar sands oil and increased greenhouse gas emissions. A decision on the pipeline's presidential permit could come this year. ([read more](#))

In Rice County, cover cropping surges in popularity

GUNNAR OLSON, Aug 14, 2017

Four years ago, almost no Rice County farms utilized cover crops, but by the end of this year, there may be as many as 5,000 acres of them. Rice County Soil and Water Conservation District Manager Steve Pahs thinks a growing awareness about cover crops has led to this trend, as has the \$30,000 worth of cost-share

Carp on carp crime: Let's use koi to clean up Minnesota waters Not so long ago, The Free Press, as well as many other news outlets, reported on the Lake Elysian carp kill, the result of a koi herpesvirus (KHV). As the news of the fish kill made the rounds, many articles focused on why the carp died, but never stated how amazing it is that this disease had no effect on the other fish species in the lake. Replicating the virus without introducing actual koi to Minnesota lakes could be part of the process of eradicating common carp. MAISRC research shows that lakes with high populations of bluegills have low populations of carp because bluegill feed heavily on carp eggs. Let's save Minnesota anglers from themselves and study the possible benefits of KHV. ([read more](#))

Researchers search for clues to toxic algae blooms

[Dan Kraker](#) · On Peltier Lake, Minn. · Aug 17, 2017

From Washington Lake in southwest Minnesota, to Lake Minnetonka, to Helen Lake in northern Minnesota, toxic blooms of algae are again surfacing on the state's lakes. They're suspected culprits in one case of human illness and two dog deaths so far this summer. Now researchers are fanning out across Minnesota, trying to figure out what exactly triggers the blooms, and what lakes might be at most risk. Researchers have known for a long time that pollution from phosphorous and nitrogen increases the likelihood for harmful algal blooms to form. But Andy Bramburger, a researcher at the University of Minnesota Duluth's Natural Resources Research Institute, said he's found that blooms can be just as bad in suburban lakes as in lakes surrounded by farm fields. ([read more](#))

incentives his office offered to help farmers implement cover crops. Whatever the reason, Pahs takes great pleasure in seeing more farmers utilize them. ([read more](#))

Mankato residents concerned about quarry

[Associated Press](#) | Aug 15, 2017

MANKATO — Southern Minnesota residents are on edge after another quarry blast from a nearby mining operation sent a barrage of rocks through a neighborhood. A blast at Jefferson Quarry sent chunks of limestone — some as large as bowling balls — flying into a Mankato neighborhood last week. A large rock left a jagged hole just below a window of David Kreiselmeier's house. According to a press release, the city has suspended the quarry's blasting permit for the second time while it investigates. The quarry is owned by Jordan Sands, which produces frack sand for oil and gas extraction. ([read more](#))

Renville SWCD ready to assist landowners in meeting buffer law

[Tom Cherveney](#) on Aug 19, 2017

OLIVIA — Renville County has \$75,000 dollars available to support landowners in meeting the requirements of Minnesota's buffer law. The funds have been distributed to the Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District and are to be used for cost-sharing contracts with landowners or their authorized agents to implement riparian buffers or alternative practices on public waters and public drainage ditches. The 2017 buffer legislation recognizes that some landowners may have hardships (such as weather) in meeting the public waters deadline. Compliance waivers offer a

Minnesota citizen scientists thrill at sightings of endangered bumble bee

Carin Tunney | August 16, 2017

Scientific discoveries don't always come from scientists in a lab. Andrea Sampson Townsend made one in July when she sunk her feet into a small patch of colorful, black-eyed Susan and bee balm in southeast Minnesota. "I looked down and right on this little bee balm plant, right next to me, was this little bee," Sampson Townsend said. Finding a bee seems like a small discovery, but Sampson Townsend didn't find just any bee. Sampson Townsend found a [rusty patched bumble bee](#) (*Bombus affinis*), she said. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service put the species on the federally endangered list in March. [\(read more\)](#)

buffer deadline extension until July 1, 2018. [\(read more\)](#)

Hummingbird admirers flock to Henderson for annual festival

Kristine Goodrich, Aug 19, 2017

HENDERSON — A gathering to watch migrating ruby-throated hummingbirds in a Henderson resident's garden has blossomed into an annual festival that draws hundreds of visitors from across the state to Henderson. The celebration of the tiniest birds in the world includes garden tours, painting classes, children's activities and educational speakers and booths. The event is put on by Henderson Feathers, an all-volunteer group of nature enthusiasts, with support from the Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter and many of Henderson's businesses and organizations. [\(read more\)](#)

Events

↓ Aug 23 - Aug 29 ↓

RegenerateMN

Wednesday August 23, 2017

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Tin Whiskers Brewery
125 9th Street E
Saint Paul, MN 55101



Brief Description:

Throughout the year MCEA hosts social events geared toward the next generation of environmental leaders. Each event is designed to act as an opportunity to meet others who share an interest in environmental issues, learn more about MCEA's work, and network in a fun and informal setting.

SAVE THE DATE!

Transportation Trending

Follow-Up Event

Wednesday, August 23

5:30 - 7:30 PM

[Tin Whiskers Brewery](#)

125 9th St E - St. Paul, MN 55101

For more information click [here](#).

Nature Craft Night

Friday, August 25th 6-8pm

Location: Ney Nature Center

28238 Nature Center Lane

Henderson, MN 56044

Brief Description:

Spend the evening with color and shape to design your very own mosaic creation! Choose from a variety of designs or come up with one of your own! This nature theme craft night will include a snack as well as supplies so you are sure to have a fantastic evening! All Ages. Youth under the age of 14 must attend with a registered adult.



Cost: \$20/member or \$25/non-member

[Register online](#) by August 22nd! Reservations required.

For more information click [here](#).

Archery in the Park

08/25/2017, 3 PM to 4:30 PM

Location: Fort Ridgely State Park

Brief Description:

The sport of shooting arrows has been around for thousands of years. First humans used archery as a way to hunt animals and later as a way to compete against each other. Archery is an activity that people from all walks of life and almost every size and ability can participate and have fun. This program covers the basics of archery (safety, proper care of the equipment and how to use a bow). Participants will be able to practice their new skills. Meet at the Upper Picnic Area..



For more information contact Scott Kudelka at 507-384-8890 or by email at scott.kudelka@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Barking Ducks

Saturday, August 26, 2017, 8:00pm 11:00pm

Location: 210 N Minnesota St, New Ulm, MN

Brief Description: For over 30 years the Fabulous Minnesota Barking Ducks have brought a driving, diverse, blues-based music to the Twin Cities and all points in between. Mic McCormick has been with the band since its inception and has forever silenced crowds with his phenomenal, oh-so-tasty guitar. The "new" members have been Ducks for a little less than a decade. Ed Dunn plays bass and sings. Ed is intense, and plays deep in the pocket, Kit Kildahl sings and plays guitar and occasional harp. Kit has known Mic since '75, when he was playing with the Dust Bowl Blues Band and Ace in the Whole.



These guys have a lot of music to draw on, so the result is a wide-ranging songlist--blues of course; but also rock, R & B, and jazz standards like "Fly Me to the Moon".

Image source: [The Grand](#)

↓ **Aug 30 - Sep 5** ↓

The West Arrives in West Newton

September 3, 2017 | 1:00pm – 4:00pm | Harkin Store

Location: Harkin store, 66250 County Road 21, New Ulm, MN 56073.

Brief Description: The “West” arrives at the town of West Newton as musician Lonesome Ron, the King of the Valley Yodelers, shares Western music like cowboy ballads, yodels and stories through song.

The Harkin Store is located at 66250 County Road 21, New Ulm, MN 56073. Admission to the program is included with your site admission of \$6 adults, \$5 seniors and college students, \$4 veterans/active military and ages 5-17, free ages 4 and under and MNHS members.



Questions? Contact the Harkin Store at 507-354-8666 or harkinstore@mnhs.org.

↓ Sep 6 - Sep 12 ↓

Monarch Tagging

September 09, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Ney Nature Center

28238 Nature Center Lane
Henderson, MN 56044

Brief Description:

Saturday, September 9th 9-11am Learn about and participate in the monarch tagging process. Carefully collect and tag monarch butterflies found in the prairie. All Ages. Youth under age 10 must attend with a registered adult. Cost: \$3/member or \$5/non-member \$9/member family of 3+ or \$15/non-member family of 3+ Register online by September 7th! Reservations required.

For more information click [here](#).



Digital Nature Photography

September 7, 2017 | 7:00pm | Traverse des Sioux Historic Site | FREE

Location: Traverse des Sioux Historic Site prairie

Brief Description:

Join Minneopa Area Naturalist Scott Kudelka for a hands-on digital nature photography class on the beautiful Traverse des Sioux Historic Site prairie.

Photography is a great way to take some memories home with you after a visit. You will get a chance to learn how to use a digital camera

and receive ten tips on how to shoot better photos. To practice these new skills, you will have a chance to shoot images of what you find interesting. Digital cameras will be provided and each person will be able to print one photo to take home!

Registration is required and is limited to 20 people for this event. To register call the Nicollet County Historical Society at (507) 934-2160 or email museum@nchsmn.org by September 4, 2017.

Image Source: [Nicollet County](#)



Documentary Film Series: Before the Flood

September 7, 2017 | 7:00pm | Traverse des Sioux Historic Site | FREE

Location: The Treaty Site History Center, 1851 N. Minnesota Avenue

Brief Description:

Please join us for the start of the Ninth Season of Films on First Thursdays documentary film series, a partnership between St. Peter Community and Family Education and the Nicollet County Historical Society. If you could know the truth about the threat of climate change — would you want to know? Before the Flood, presented by National Geographic, features Leonardo DiCaprio on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of



Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change firsthand. From Academy Award®-winning filmmaker Fisher Stevens and Academy Award®-winning actor, environmental activist and U.N. Messenger of Peace Leonardo DiCaprio, Before the Flood presents a riveting account of the dramatic changes now occurring around the world due to climate change, as well as the actions we as individuals and as a society can take to prevent the disruption of life on our planet. The film and a short discussion afterwards will highlight actions you can take whether you are near, far, or wherever you are to save our planet. Sponsored by Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light.

Film runtime is 96 minutes.

The Treaty Site History Center is located at 1851 N. Minnesota Avenue, one mile north of downtown Saint Peter at Highways 169 and 22, across from the Daniels Health Center.

Job Announcements

—Farm Bill Technician Assistant—

Employer: Swift County, Soil and Water Conservation District

Closing Date: August 31 by 4:00 pm

Location(s): Benson, MN

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Farm Bill Technician:

- GIS mapping/ArcMap
- Meeting with landowners
- Attending meeting of local conservation clubs
- Knowledge of government conservation programs (CCRP)
- Meet with local work groups regarding cost share opportunities for landowners.
- Working Lands Initiative:
 - Work with multiple local, state, and federal agencies as well as land owners to organize and plan for conservation management and research and demonstrations.
 - Assist with grant writing and financial management of grant funds.
- Clean Water Legacy:
 - Attend local work group meetings
 - Administer grant funds to landowners in the watershed.
 - Report spending to BWSR through the Elink system.
- TMDL:
 - Take water samples and ship to lab
 - Take flow measurements
 - Take readings of Temp., Total Suspended Solids, Total Phosphorus, and Specific Conductivity.
- WCA:
 - Knowledge of laws and experience working with wetlands.
 - Meeting with landowners and addressing possible wetland concerns and violations.
- Education Programs:
 - Participate in the organization and operations of the many youth education programs.

[\(more information\)](#)

—Watershed Technical Specialist—

Employer: Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District

Closing Date: Continuous

Location(s): Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Provide program leadership, management and technical support for implementing best management plans and projects associated with nonpoint source pollution reduction related to agricultural, rural and urban systems.

- Assist Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) officials with agricultural water quality compliance assessments as needed. Complete quarterly tasks and reporting associated with ODA scope of work, effectiveness monitoring of focus area, and biennial planning activities.
- Communicate and work directly with property owners and operators through face-to-face contact, the telephone, written correspondence, or e-mail. Advocate and promote conservation of natural resources with urban and rural property owners, the general public and other resource-related organizations by developing and/or using a variety of education/outreach tools.
- Develop conservation and restoration plans in cooperation with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office staff, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and other partners. Design projects incorporating the principals, methods and techniques of described in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guides and other accepted watershed restoration practices.
- Secure funding through successfully researching, writing and financial assistance via grants to assist clients and partners with implementation of conservation projects and planning, and to provide for employment security and program sustainability.
- Enter into contracted service agreements, cooperative agreements and authorize expenditures, consistent with authority levels authorized by the Board of Directors to carry out project implementation.
- Prepare and submit technical documents, agreements, plans, and required grant reporting documents on behalf of the District, as authorized by the Board of Directors.
- Participate in meetings to coordinate work, establish priorities, and create plans and budgets.
- Attend and actively participate in professional meetings, workshops, and conferences relating to professional and technical issues. Speak at meetings of associations, agencies, schools, and other groups to provide information on natural resources, conservation, and water quality, along with District goals, objectives and projects.
- Understand, interpret and use various maps, aerial photography, soils information, and other technical resources to assist residents of Lincoln County.
- Ability to use ArcGIS software to develop projects, effectively communicate project information through maps and shape files, and to maintain a database of District projects.
- Knowledge of computer software such as Microsoft Word, Excel is essential.
- Represent the District's interest. Coordinate and communicate with other conservation districts, watershed councils, organizations, public officials, and urban and rural property owners.
- Actively participate on OWEB's Small Grant review team by reviewing and providing comments on submitted grant proposals.
- Supervise, coordinate and provide job training to ensure hired assistants and/or project managers meet their deliverables with success.
- Update District website as needed to reflect current events, projects and water quality results.

- Coordinate the water quality monitoring efforts including: lab supplies, work schedules, contract services, staff training and completing the necessary sampling protocols and reporting with program funders.
- Prepare outreach materials as needs arise, attend community events and educate the public concerning District programs and services.

[\(more information\)](#)

—Professional Engineer (Water Resource)—

Employer: Scott County (MN)

Closing Date: Continuous

Location(s): Jordan, MN

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Performs concept level, preliminary, and final drainage design for highway construction projects and reviews and approves consultant drainage designs.
- Provides input related to the design of transportation projects for stormwater management, including land development effects on roadway drainage systems, hydraulic analysis and impacts associated with transportation projects, providing typical drawings and language for requests for proposals, and coordination with cities regarding their drainage systems and joint transportation systems.
- Provides oversight of the stormwater permits held by the County, such as the NPDES MS4 permit; coordinates activities between divisions for permit elements.
- Manages, conducts, and/or coordinates water engineering analysis of various projects, developments, processes, technical studies, reviews, and plans affecting the County's water systems and natural resources; makes recommendations for appropriate actions.
- Develops hydrologic and hydraulic engineering plans, policies, and guidelines, including updating the County Stormwater Plan and Ordinance (Local Water Plan) coordinated with the County Comprehensive Plan and Scott Watershed Management Organization (WMO) Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan.
- Oversees the inspection of work done by developers and County Highway engineers and outside agencies under permit in the County's unincorporated areas of the County.
- Manages the engineering review process and is responsible for the approval/denial of stormwater and grading permits within the unincorporated areas of the County.
- Provides engineering guidance and direction to others in implementing the county erosion control inspection program; provides coordination in enforcement actions required for permitted and unpermitted grading activities; coordinates with staff and officials in other agencies in responding to wetland permitting issues.

- Handles citizen, developer, and engineer phone calls on development issues, and flooding, stormwater management and drainage issues; helps others resolve issues.
- Must work the days and hours necessary to perform all assigned responsibilities and tasks. Must be available (especially during regular business hours or shifts) to communicate with subordinates, supervisors, customers, vendors, and any other person or organization with whom interaction is required to accomplish work and employer goals.
- Performs other related duties as required or assigned.

[\(more information\)](#)

—AIS Watercraft Inspectors- Seasonal Positions Available—

Employer: Chaska Government Center, MN

Closing Date: Continuous

Location(s): Chaska, Minnesota, 55318.

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Educate the public on invasive species program and issues
- Distribute written information to watercraft users
- Inspect watercraft for invasive species
- Conduct a verbal survey & inspection inventory
- Document and record research activities
- Provide excellent customer service skills and the ability to work with the public and in an office and field setting.
- Work independently with minimal supervision
- Communicate effectively.

[\(more information\)](#)

—Membership and Individual Giving Associate—

Employer: Land Stewardship Project

Closing Date: August 17

Location(s): Minneapolis

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Working with the staff of the Membership and Individual Giving Program, responsibilities for this position include:
- Maintaining LSP's accurate, high-quality database of dues paying members and supporters.
- Working with LSP's Membership Coordinator to operate and improve LSP's membership renewal system and spring/fall fundraising drives.
- Assisting organizers to use the database effectively to advance LSP's campaigns.
- Helping build LSP's online engagement as a member of the social media team and co-administrator of LSP's website.

[\(more information\)](#)

—Director of Public Affairs—

Employer: Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness

Closing Date: -

Location(s): Ely

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Managing relationships with key stakeholders, elected officials, and land management agencies.
- Coordinating the Campaign's political and communications efforts to maximize our current messaging and establish the political will in MN and DC for the permanent protection of the Boundary Waters from sulfide-ore copper mining.
- Making written and oral presentations to collaborators, community groups, policy makers, and other parties as part of the program's outreach and advocacy functions.
- Representing NMW in mining related working groups and conferences.
- In collaboration with the policy department, creating and publishing reports, white papers, web content, e-newsletters, and other program information.
- Supporting the creation and management of the annual budget for the program.
- Actively participating, and sometimes leading, in the planning, execution, and reporting on program work, including objectives, strategies, and tactics.

[\(more information\)](#)

—Executive Director, Southwest—

Employer: Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness

Closing Date: -

Location(s): To be determined by date of hire (Morris, Willmar or Marshall)

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Foster teamwork that builds a partnership between the Board, community members in Southwest Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota.
- Strengthen and increase the presence of the University of Minnesota in Greater Minnesota communities
- Work as a team member with the Extension Regional Directors in Southwest Minnesota to build programmatic and community based synergies in research, education, and outreach.
- Builds Extension and UM campus relationship, including connecting students and faculty to community based projects and groups. This includes working with the UM Morris campus, the Research and Outreach Centers and other U of M units located within the region.
- Work with the community member-faculty Board, businesses, organizations, and agencies to convene and identify issues and opportunities to improve the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of Southwest Minnesota, in the RSDP's four Focus Areas.
- Work with local stakeholders and University faculty to strategically design, implement and evaluate sustainable development research, education and outreach projects. Provide assistance to communities in identifying and developing projects for consideration by the SW RSDP board and workgroups.
- Identify and recruit University faculty, system-wide, and other expertise to conduct research, education, and outreach projects recommended by the Board and workgroups.
- Provide administrative support to carry out the Partnership's work: supervise students and staff, develop contracts, monitor funds, provide oversight of funded projects to insure they accomplish goals and meet deadlines, provide staff support for meetings and other Partnership work.
- Maintain open communication and strong relationships among the all five Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, the Statewide Coordinating Committee, the Statewide Director and statewide staff, and University faculty and administrators.
- Engage with and coordinate on multi-Regional and statewide projects with all RSDP Regions, where applicable, to implement successful rural sustainable development strategies
- Communicate project progress and outcomes to regional stakeholders and the media.
- Pursue external fundraising activities to include identifying and responding to funding opportunities, such as grants.

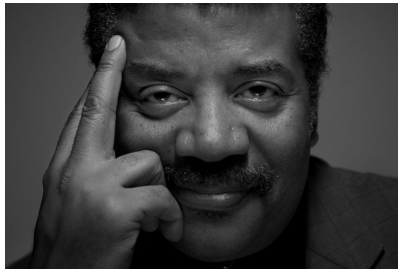
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