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Alaska Community Forest Council to meet August 9

(Anchorage, AK) – The Alaska Community Forest Council is holding its next quarterly meeting on Friday, August 9 at the Atwood State Office Building, 550 W. Seventh Ave.

The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the first floor Ted Stevens Room, followed by an afternoon field trip to the site of the July 2 “MLK Fire” near Campbell Creek. The field trip will begin at 3 p.m. at the People Mover Administration building at 3600 Martin Luther King Dr. The public is welcome to the meeting and field trip.

Items on the meeting agenda include:

- Reports on Alaska Arbor Day, Arbor Day grants, and an idea for street trees in Anchorage
- A presentation on the community of Hope’s efforts to battle the invasion of *Prunus padus*, also known as Mayday, or European Bird Cherry trees, and a discussion on whether to support a statewide ban on their sale
- Election of officers
- Reports on state and federal forestry programs

The non-profit Council advises the state Division of Forestry on ways to improve Alaskans’ quality of life by expanding and caring for urban and community forests. The Council promotes management of trees and forests within communities to maximize the many economic, environmental and social benefits that trees provide.

Information about the council and the division’s Community Forestry Program are available at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/council> or by contacting Council Chair Nan Mundy at 907-957-9018, or the Community Forestry Program office at 296-8465, communityforestry@alaska.gov or nanmundy@gci.net.

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