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Northern Forest Alliance 2008 Climate Change Conference

The Northern Forest Alliance (NFA) is a non-profit organization based in Stowe, Vermont. Our priorities are threefold:

- To conserve Wildlands in the Northern Forest to help protect the forest's ecological integrity, its recreational opportunities and its timber production
- To encourage well managed private forests to support the forest-based economy, including high-value timber products, recreation tourism, and the jobs these industries support
- To build strong, diverse, local economies that support vibrant communities throughout the Northern Forest

We are hosting a conference to address the impact of climate change. Our cherished Northern Forest is at risk. For example, recent scientific studies show that Sugar Maples will shift northward, out of the Northern Forest by the end of the century. The time to address these challenges and ensure the health of our natural and human communities is now.

Our upcoming 2008 Climate Change Conference is designed to engage students from Northern Forest oriented colleges and universities to create a set of principles that will help address the challenges of climate change in the areas of forests and biofuels. Our program schedule includes:

- **Day One:** student attendees explore, with the help of experts, emerging climate change issues
- **Day Two:** student attendees work in plenary and breakout sessions and adopt *Top Ten Principles to Enhance Forests and Biofuels for 2009*
- **Goal:** students and engaged faculty bring the list of principles back to their schools to be deliberated, adapted, and implemented

NFA understands that everyone can be part of the solution to climate change, hence the reason for holding a climate change conference focused on Northern Forest colleges and universities. These institutions serve as models for their communities and the students graduating from these schools will be the leaders of tomorrow. They are the perfect group to identify and create practical strategies to mitigate climate change. The principles developed at the conference will help preserve the Northern Forest and will educate the student attendees on emerging issues within the Northern Forest.

The 2008 Climate Change Conference is **November 1 and 2, 2008 at Dartmouth College** in Hanover, New Hampshire. The event is free of charge. Spots are limited. Student registration forms, save the date cards, and fliers are available upon request.

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