

# Peer Learning and the Great Lakes Silviculture Library

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# Context



**70% + of MN land in public or large private ownership**

**Climate change forcing us to adapt**

**Adaptation is innovation, but innovation is not enough**

Adaptation requires INNOVATION and EXCHANGE



Audience: Professional NR managers



# The current moment

Comfort with digital tools, platforms

Benefits of on-demand, searchable content

New platforms available

Opportunity to elevate voices  
too often ignored

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Jim Kelley:

MN DNR Forest  
Technician

[6 published  
case studies](#)

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# The Great Lakes Silviculture Library

Silviculture “case studies”

Authored by resource managers

Moderated, reviewed by Extension

Flexible content template

<http://z.umn.edu/silvlib>

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The screenshot shows the website's header with the University of Minnesota logo and the tagline "Driven to Discover". A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header is a yellow navigation bar with the title "Great Lakes Silviculture Library" and a set of navigation buttons: Home, Explore Case Studies, Submit a Case Study, About the Project, Resources & Links, and Contact. A descriptive paragraph follows, stating the site's purpose for forest managers in Michigan, Minnesota, Ontario, and Wisconsin. Below this is a 3x3 grid of forest images, each with a caption: Aspen-Birch, Ash, Central hardwoods, Mixed Woods, Northern hardwoods, Pine, Peatlands, Spruce, and Other.

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## Great Lakes Silviculture Library

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This site is designed to help forest managers from Michigan, Minnesota, Ontario, and Wisconsin exchange silviculture prescriptions, including the outcomes of actual on-the-ground management activities. The cases linked below are real, on-the-ground stories submitted by Lakes States natural resource managers.

- Aspen-Birch
- Ash
- Central hardwoods
- Mixed Woods
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- Pine
- Peatlands
- Spruce
- Other



# Peer learning

Learning requires exchange

Published case studies support  
Extension programming

UG students work with foresters  
on some case studies

Outcomes: Hard to measure but  
positive, highly valued

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# Thanks!

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