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SUBJECT: U of MN Scientist Dr. Lee Frelich Comes to Duluth, Will Deliver Invasive Species Presentation

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(Duluth, MN) – Sept. 18, 2017 – The Duluth Collaborative for Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Lee Frelich will be speaking **October 17th**, **2017** on the *European Earthworm Invasion: It's Interaction with Invasive Plants &Deer*. He will offer ecological insights that are essential for our region as we further the collective action to protect the land &water we love here.

Dr. Frelich will speak at **6:30 PM-7:30 PM** &take questions following his presentation in **Duluth City Hall Room #303.** The presentation is FREE and open to the public.

About Dr. Lee Frelich

Dr. Frelich is Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology. He received a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1986. Frelich has authored more than 150 publications with 180 co-authors from 23 countries, including major works for Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press. He is listed among the top 1% of all scientists in the world in the Thompson-Reuters Web of Science, Ecology and Environment Category. His research has been featured in the news media over 450 times, including such venues as The New York Times, Newsweek, CBS Radio Osgood Files, and National Geographic. Frelich has provided consulting services on forest management for many government agencies, including The U.S. Army, Air Force, National Forest Service, and National Park Service. Current research interests include large-scale fire and wind, earthworm invasion, effects of deer and moose browsing, and climate change.

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