UPPER MISSISSIPPI FOREST PARTNERSHIP
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION

Level 1
The Advisory Committee provides the Partnership policy direction and support. It consists of the State Foresters of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois, and the Northeastern Area Director (currently not functioning.)

Level 2
The Partnership Steering Committee is the fiscal and operations agent of the Partnership. The committee develops work plans, tracks project implementation, prepares reports, and is responsible for agency collaboration. The Upper Mississippi Forestry Partnership coordinator and an appointed chair person lead the steering committee. The committee is composed of representatives from the state forestry agencies, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Ducks Unlimited. The committee meets three times a year.

Level 3
The purpose of the working groups is to provide advice and direction as to how the UMFP addresses key issues and facilitates information sharing between partners. Currently there are four working groups comprising a variety of federal, state, local, and non-governmental partners. New working groups will be added as the need arises.

- Improve Migratory Bird Habitat
- Sustainable Forests
- Healthy Bottomland Forests
- Relationship Between Forests and Clean Water