

## Western Joint Forestry Team

Teleconference: January 13, 2009

1:00 to 3:00 PM, MST

### MINUTES

**Participants:**

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**Purpose/background:**

- The teleconference was a follow-up to the initial meeting held in Idaho last summer. The primary purpose of the teleconference was to provide updates and information for each other in regard to preparations being made to jointly deliver the forestry provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill.
- Frank provided a brief introduction and summary of the meeting held in August (2008) in Lewiston, Idaho.

**Items Covered (following the order of the agenda):**

| Item  | Notes:  |
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| * Review the role, function and accomplishments of the Joint Forestry Team  | * <b>Andy</b> – Discussed the National and Western Joint Forestry Team. Its purpose is to make recommendations to help deliver forestry assistance. One of the National Joint Forestry Team accomplishments is the National MOU between USFS, NACD, NASF, & NRCS. The goal is to make planning seamless between agencies.   |
| * Farm Bill Roll-out; NRCS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ National level: Forest Management Plan Criteria, other NRCS issues.</li> <li>➤ Train the Trainer</li> </ul> | * <b>Andy</b> – The group received an attachment on the Forest Management plan criteria and we reviewed it. It is similar to the criteria used to develop Forest Stewardship plans. The new Farm Bill rules are coming out. In the bill, NRCS can pay for forest management plans. This can be done by technical service providers (TSPs) and the typical model is through the state forestry agencies being the TSPs.<br>* <b>Rob</b> – Updated the group on Montana being a western pilot state on Landowner Forest Stewardship Plan – NRCS plan integration (NRCS uses “Tool kit”). The DNRC, NRCS & Extension Service meet in Montana. Stewardship and Tree Farm plans can be modified for tool kit with the stewardship plan being a part of tool kit. The CPA-52 form will need to be filled out to be compliant with NEPA. There was a group discussion on how the CPA-52 fits in and when & who will do it. |

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| * Farm Bill Roll-out; NRCS<br>(continued)  | * <b>Bob</b> – Shared with the group an attachment about Forestry in the Farm Bill – Train the Trainer workshops. Five pilot states were identified to participate in these initial workshops – Montana will be one of them. The goal is to increase landowner awareness of Farm Bill programs and increase the awareness/development of forest management plans. The workshops will be held in late March 2009 with an audience of State Forestry agencies, Extension Service, FSA, Tree Farm Association, USFS, Consulting foresters and others. The purpose is to train them and then they will work with private landowners. |
| * Farm Bill Roll-out; USFS   | * <b>Peg</b> – Shared with the group about the role that the USFS has had with the roll out of the Farm Bill. She mentioned that the FS has been an active member of the Joint Forestry Team on the national level. They have revised the Forest Stewardship guidelines. They are a willing participant in the up coming Farm Bill workshops. She also mentioned the Forest Resources Coordinating Committee.  |
| * Other up-dates to the Roll-out (NACD, State Forestry, WFLC efforts, etc)   | Integrated in to the discussions that we already had (above)   |
| * USDA Farm Bill Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ GIG grants (WA example)</li> <li>➤ FS grants</li> </ul> | * <b>Gary</b> – Updated the group on some CIG grants that WA has been involved with. They are sponsoring two Landscape Management Systems workshops next month. These workshops are geared towards NRCS, state forestry agencies, & CD who will be working with forested landowners. LMS is a forest vegetation simulation program.<br>* <b>Peg</b> – Updated the group about FS grants. They are a part of the State and Private Forestry Redesign. Applications are through the state forestry agency.   |
| * <b>Update on “Action Items” from August Meeting:</b>   |  |
| ➤ Western Pilot state for LFSP-NRCS plan integration.  | Discussions as noted above   |
| ➤ Marketing & Program Fact Sheets  | * <b>Gary</b> – Shared with the group that WA has some marketing and program fact sheets. On the WA NRCS homepage fact sheets, farm bill brochures, radio commercials, and news paper articles can be down loaded by clicking on the “keep your forest healthy” icon.  |

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| <b>* Update on “Action Items” from August Meeting:</b><br><i>(continued)</i> |   |
| ➤ Ecosystem Markets  | * <b>Geoff</b> – <i>Talked about Ecosystem Markets. It is a little early to know much detail on this at this time. Some items need to be worked out such as how to measure and grant credits for these non-traditional services. A new office has been established nationally to deal with ecosystem markets. Sally Collins is heading up this office. She is with the USDA under the Secretary of Agriculture. The FS will have a strong leadership role dealing with markets such as water quality, bio-diversity and carbon credits.</i> |
| ➤ Success Story/model of agency collaboration to deliver programs            | * <b>Frank</b> – <i>Is working on drafting a success story about several agencies working together to deliver programs. He will work with Nan on this.</i>  |
| * Other items?   | <i>None were specifically brought up</i>  |
| <b>Set a date for next meeting: Face to Face?—Where?</b>                     | <i>Next meeting will be a face to face meeting <b>June 9, 10, &amp; 11, 2009 in Colorado.</b> Greg Sundstrom offered to host it and will be working locally to set up a tour of some of the activities occurring in Colorado.</i>   |

Note Taker: Robert Logar, Montana NRCS