



Roundtable on Sustainable Forests

A Partnership for the Future

Looking Ahead: Preparing for the National Report on Sustainable Forests – 2010

September 7 & 8, 2006

Westin Embassy Row | 2100 Massachusetts Avenue NW | Washington, DC

Meeting Objectives

1. Determine the role of organizations that participate in the Roundtable on Sustainable Forests in the preparation of the *National Report on Sustainable Forests – 2010*.
2. Discuss sustainable forest management efforts underway by various stakeholder groups at different scales.

Thursday, September 7, 2006

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

Registration and Coffee

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions, and Agenda Review

Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service, and Jim Finley and Richard Brinker, Sustainable Forestry Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chairs

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.

Presentation and Discussion of the USDA Forest Service's Outlook

Project: *Developing Research Options to Address Future Decision Makers' Needs*

Ann Bartuska, USDA Forest Service, and Chris Bernabo, National Council on the Science of Sustainable Forestry

- USDA Forest Service research and development challenges and goals for the Outlook Project
- Overview of the Outlook Project strategy and other related activities
- Results to date: Attainable Future Vision and Identified Science Responses
- Planning the next phase of the Outlook Project
- Roundtable discussion and feedback

The Outlook Project is a major effort to develop the basis for a long-term research agenda for the USDA Forest Service that addresses decision makers' future needs.

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Drs. Bartuska and Bernabo will kick off the Roundtable meeting with a presentation and discussion of the Outlook Project's future-oriented goals, activities, and major findings to date.

9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

Preparing for the National Report on Sustainable Forests – 2010: Report on the Sapporo Meeting of Montreal Process Working Group

Rich Guldin, USDA Forest Service, and Nadine Block, American Forest & Paper Association

- Meeting overview
- Implications to the 2010 National Report process
- Roundtable discussion and feedback

The Montreal Process Working Group held its most recent meeting on July 24-28, 2006, in Sapporo, Japan. Important decisions were made concerning refinements to the Montreal Process indicators. This session will give Roundtable participants an opportunity to learn about and discuss the Sapporo meeting's major outcomes and the implications for the 2010 reporting process.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Preparing for the Next National Report on Sustainable Forests: U.S. Process and Timeline

Rich Guldin and Ruth McWilliams, USDA Forest Service

- Overview of the 2010 National Report process
- Initial thoughts on Roundtable involvement
- Clarifying questions

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Presentation and Discussion of the Northeastern Area Forest Sustainability Indicators System

Constance Carpenter, Sustainable Forests Coordinator, USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, and Jeff Horan, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

- Overview of the Indicator System and its use
- Potential value of the Indicator System to the Roundtable and others

11:45 a.m. – 1:00p.m. **Lunch (on your own)**

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Forest Health and Sustainability in Indian Country: Results of Regional Tribal C&I Projects

White Earth Chippewa and Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians:
Traditional Ecological Knowledge

*Maureen McDonough and Kendra Sales, Michigan State University
Department of Forestry*

Eastern Band of Cherokee: Sustainable Forest Management Efforts

Tommy Cabe, Eastern Band of Cherokee

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Yakama Nation: Cultural Resources & Forest Management
Tia Beavert, Yakama Nation Forestry Program

Building upon the discussion of forest management in Indian Country that began at the Roundtable's December 2005 meeting, this series of presentations will provide an opportunity to learn about specific C&I-related projects underway in Indian Country.

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Report from the Southern Roundtable on Sustainable Forests

Bob Fledderman, MeadWestvaco, and Bryan Burhans, National Wild Turkey Federation, Steering Committee of the Southern Roundtable on Sustainable Forests

Members of the Southern Roundtable's Steering Committee will lead a presentation and discussion of their recent activities and plans for the future, including:

- *A conference on urban sprawl*
- *A workshop on viewsheds in Tennessee and their importance to local economies*
- *Protecting greenspace in Asheville*
- *Using an ecosystem services approach to understand how forests can help to provide clean and abundant water for municipalities in the South*

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Highlights on Progress from Roundtable Project Champions

*Integrating Forest Sustainability and Local Environmental Management
Don Outen, Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management*

*Sustainable Forestry at the Individual Forest Owner Level
Laurie Schoonhoven, Sustainable Forests Partnership*

*Developing "Terms of Reference" for the Relationship between the Regional and National Roundtables and Other Activities
Steven Dewhurst, Northern Arizona University School of Forestry*

The Roundtable's 2006-2010 Work Plan described several projects by Roundtable participants that further the Roundtable's mission. Three project champions will provide brief updates followed by discussion with meeting participants.

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Small Group Discussion on Opportunities for Roundtable Involvement in the Preparation of the Next National Report

Participants will engage in small table top groups to discuss key issues around the approach to reporting and how organizations participating in the Roundtable will actively engage in the 2010 National Report development process. Topics will likely include:

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- *Designing the report to meet user needs and enhance utility (e.g., regional reports with a national capstone report, electronic and paper components, etc.)*
- *Addressing data gaps identified in the 2003 edition of the National Report*
- *Piloting new indicators*
- *Convening stakeholder review workshops to provide feedback on draft reports*

A list of specific discussion questions and other background materials will be distributed prior to the meeting so that participants can prepare for the discussion.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Report Back from Table Top Discussions

A representative from each table will highlight the results of their discussion, and there will be time for reviewing and reflection.

5:30 a.m.

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Meeting participants are invited to attend a no-host gathering in the hotel or at a local restaurant. More information will be provided at the meeting.

Friday, September 8, 2006

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Coffee

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks and Reflections on the Previous Day's Discussions

Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service, and Jim Finley and Richard Brinker, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chairs

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Plenary Discussion of the Roundtable's Plan for Engaging in the Development of the 2010 National Report

Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service, and Jim Finley and Richard Brinker, Sustainable Forestry Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chairs

The goal of this session is to develop an action plan and timeline that describe short-, medium-, and long-term activities that organizations participating in the Roundtable will undertake in the 2010 National Report development process. The Roundtable Co-Chairs will lead the discussion, and they will begin the session with a straw proposal that incorporates the major themes that emerged during the previous day's dialogue.

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service, and Jim Finley and Richard Brinker, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chairs

11:30 a.m.

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