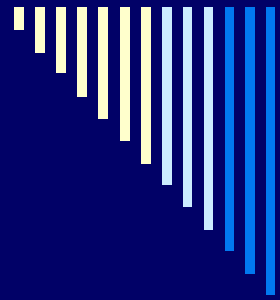


# Plans for 2010 Sustainability Reports and Resource Assessments

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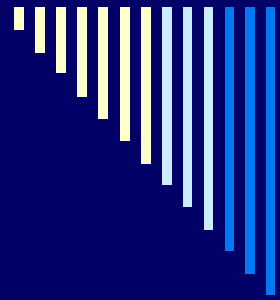
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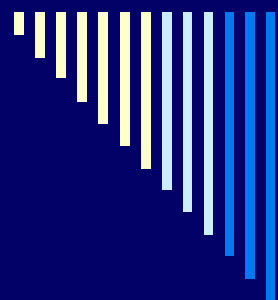
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2. Stimulate RSF discussion about initial opportunities for RSF involvement in preparing the Report



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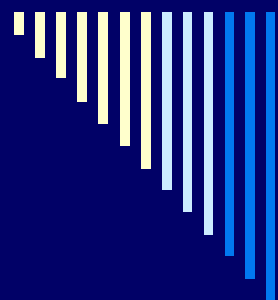
# Overview of the Process

- Schedule
  - Organization
  - Reports
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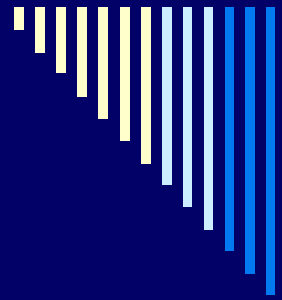
# Schedule I

- Jan 2010 Issue the report
- Sep 09 – Jan 10 Print the report
- Jul 09 – Sep 09 Get final USDA clearances
- Jan 09 – Jul 09 Finalize the report based on public review comments
- Sep 08 – Dec 08 120-day public comment period
- **Aug 08** **Release draft report for public comment; regional workshops**



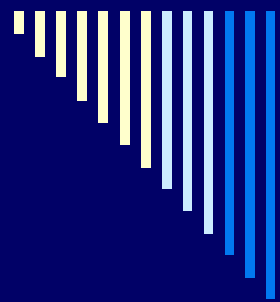
## Schedule II

- Jan 08 – Aug 08 Prepare the draft report
- Oct 07 – Dec 07 Compile & clean up data; finalize data
- Oct 06 – Sep 07 Assemble data and models
- Oct 06 Launch development of the 2010 report
- May 06 – Sep 06 Develop plans, staff, and budgets



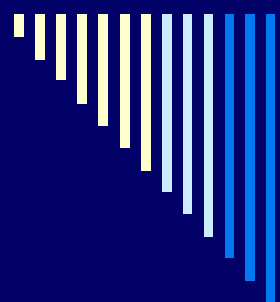
# Multiple Reports; Common Data

- FS is working towards multiple reports in 2010
  - RPA Assessment
  - Report on Sustainable Rangelands
  - Report on Sustainable Forests
- Critical to have an efficient process that:
  - Avoids redundancy and duplication
  - Avoids specialist “burn out”
  - Provides consistent information



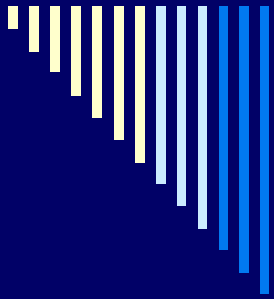
# Organization: The “Larger” Group

- Products design
  - Databases, map layers, web sites, reports
- Process design
  - The sequence of steps to manage data collection and analyses to produce multiple reports
- Information framework
  - A single, unified, information framework that meets the needs of analysts, authors, and stakeholders
- Long-term issues
  - Identify emerging issues warranting special consideration



# Organization: The Sustainable Forests Groups

- **“Partners Circle”**
  - Contributing data, expertise, and financial support
- **“Core Team”**
  - Day-to-day leadership in developing the National Report on Sustainable Forests
- **“National Experts Team”**
  - Overall technical leadership in specific disciplinary fields
- **“Criterion Leads” & “Indicator Advisors”**
  - Technical content and analyses of individual C&I



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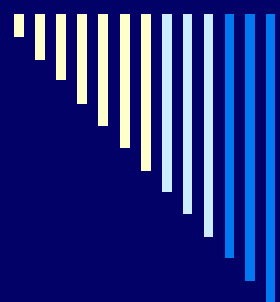
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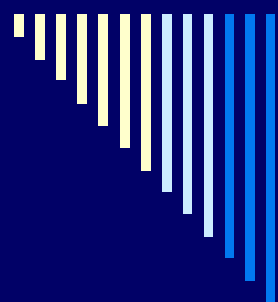
## Key Questions on RSF Input

- What role does the RSF want to play in providing input on the content of the 2010 report? When & How?
  - What role does RSF want to play in providing input on the approach to reporting in 2010?
  - What kind of input does the RSF envision on the draft report?
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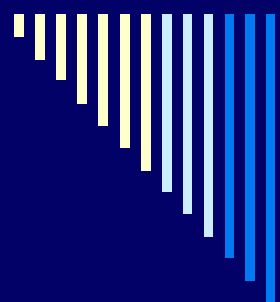
# Possible Roles in Content

- Identifying and prioritizing new indicators?
- Prioritizing challenges and data needs in Chapter 5 from 2003 Report?
- Integrating results from other/ongoing efforts?



# Validate Indicators

- There will probably be changes in indicators coming out of the Sapporo meeting
  - Old 6.5.c “Viability and adaptability to changing economic conditions of forest dependent communities, including indigenous communities.
  - New 6.5.c “Resilience of forest dependent communities, including indigenous communities”



## Identify New Indicators for U.S.

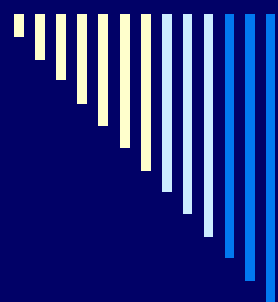
- The opportunity to identify 3 to 6 new indicators that the U.S. will pilot-test in the 2010 report
  - E.g., Bio-energy and wind energy produced from forest lands (mega-joules)
  - Others?



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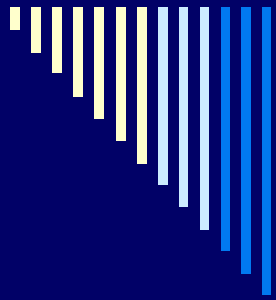
# Approach to Reporting

- Data need to be scalable:  
“local” → “national”
    - How can we make report information “real” at the local and regional levels?
  - How can we build products that stimulate regional and local activity?
    - Regional reports?
    - Reports partnered with other organizations?
    - Paper or electronic or both? What kind of electronic?
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## Input to the draft Report?

- Draft report targeted for release in August 2008
- When should RSF begin organizing work groups and focused workshops around the draft report?
- How could regional workshops be used?
- Are there other points in time when regional workshops might be helpful?



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