



Roundtable on Sustainable Forests

A Partnership for the Future

National Workshop and Meeting

Knoxville Hilton, 501 West Church Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee
February 25 - 28, 2008

Draft Agenda

Monday, February 25, 2008 – Orientation Meeting from (Optional)

The Roundtable's Communication and Outreach Work Group will host an orientation meeting for all interested Workshop participants Monday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to help Roundtable participants develop a common understanding of the Roundtable and its value and contribution to sustainable forest management in the United States and to learn more about how the Roundtable can increase its value to the stakeholder community.

Workshop and Meeting Objectives are to:

1. Learn about and provide input on data collection and reporting on Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFP)
2. Highlight and learn about ongoing sustainable forest efforts in the Southeast Region.
3. Learn about and contribute the knowledge base on climate change, and climate change in the context of sustainable forests and other resources.
4. Shape future activities of the Roundtable on Sustainable Forests through the International Year of Forests' in 2001.

DAY I - Tuesday, February 26, 2008 – Technical Workshop on Non-Wood Forest Products

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. **Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review and Opening Remarks**
Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, and Professor of Forest Resources, The Pennsylvania State University, School of Forest Resources, Roundtable Co-Chair
- 8:15 a.m. **Overview and Background on Non-Wood (Previously Non-Timber) Forest Products (NWFP)**
Sonja Oswald, Forest Resource Analyst, USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Forest Inventory and Analysis
- Review of goals and objectives of the workshop
 - Review of the section on NWFP in the 2003 National Report on Sustainable Forests
 - Review of the section on NWFP in the 2007 Resources Planning Act Assessment
 - Side-by-side comparison with refined Indicator language for 2010
 - Basis of the Definition for NWFP
 - Direction for smaller group sessions
- 9:00 a.m. **Smaller Group Discussion: Desired Output for the 2010 National Report**
- What is the importance of NWFP to your communities and the Nation, and why?
 - What have we learned about NWFP since the state of knowledge reported in the 2003 National Report?
- 9:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 a.m. **Smaller Group Discussion: Tech Transfer for NWFP indicators**
- What aspects of NWFP uses and values are not captured by the Indicators as written?

- How could/should the Nation report on information about NWFP that is not captured by conventional means of measurement (e.g., products that are not accounted for in conventional market settings)?
- What methods and sources might be used to represent those uses and values in reports on NWFP Indicators in Criteria 2 and 6 NWFP?
- Should Indicator 14 and other volume-directed indicators include qualitative data sources (e.g., National Woodland Owner Survey, distribution maps) that are not specifically volume-directed, or are those data beyond the intent of the indicator language?

11:15 a.m. **Plenary – Small Group Reflections and Discussion**
Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, and Sonja Oswalt, USDA Forest Service

Noon **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**
Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership

12:15 p.m. **Lunch Break**
(Lunch is not provided; there are restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.)

Following the lunch break, a small group of technical experts will continue discussion and work on NWFP in preparation for the 2010 National Report on Sustainable Forests. Roundtable participants will shift from the Workshop setting into the first plenary session of the National Roundtable Meeting.

National Roundtable Meeting

1:30 p.m. **Opening Remarks**
Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chair

1:40 p.m. **Southern Roundtable and Related Activities: An Update**
Susan Fox, Assistant Director for Planning and Application, USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station - News
Livia Marques, Research Associate, USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station – Update on the Southern Regional Report Card
Jim Stokoe, Senior Planner, Land of Sky Regional Council – Local Products Guide
Steve Cochran, Partner, Sustainability Strategies LLC - Sustainability Tsunami in Western North Carolina

2:10 p.m. **Visualization and Decision Support Tools to Deliver the Western North Carolina Report Card to Local Communities and Policy Makers**
Jim Fox, Research Scientist, and Todd Pierce, Research Scientist, University of North Carolina at Asheville's National Environmental Modeling and Analysis Center

2:40 p.m. **Landcare: Working Toward Sustainability**
Ruth McWilliams, National Sustainable Development Coordinator, USDA Forest Service,
Jim Stokoe, Senior Planner, Land of Sky Regional Council
Bruce Hull, Professor of Forestry, College of Natural Resources, Virginia Tech

- Introductions and National commitment to Landcare
- Landcare efforts in the United States
- Landcare in Virginia

3:10 p.m. **Break**

3:20 p.m. **Education of Landowners about Criteria and Indicators – Phase II**
Laurie Schoonhoven, Project Associate, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Pennsylvania State University, and Mathew Smidt, Associate Professor/Extension Specialist, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, Auburn University

- Overview
- The Alabama Stewardship Handbook
(<http://www.sfws.auburn.edu/plm/stewardship/stewardship/>)

- 4:00 p.m. **Landowner Outreach in Alabama**
Linda Casey, Alabama State Forester, Alabama Forestry Commission
- 4:20 p.m. **Smaller Group Discussion: Education and Outreach for Private Landowners**
- What do you perceive to be significant threats to achieving sustainability on the nation's private forests? Are any of these regionally specific?
 - How can the Montreal C&I provide guidance for addressing these perceived threats to sustainability on the nation's private forests?
 - What new and innovative approaches to education and outreach might be developed/employed to communicate with private forest land owners? Consider, in your response: ongoing changes in private landowner demographics, Communications and Outreach Work Group efforts, and ways to design the 2010 National Report as a more effective tool for private land owners.
- 5:15 p.m. **Wrap – Up and Preparation for Day II**
- 5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Communications and Outreach Work Group (COWG) Meeting (Optional)

The Roundtable's Communications and Outreach Work Group will hold a meeting from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss progress on the group's work plan priorities, and make plans for future activities. Among the topics on the agenda Web 2.0 efforts, reducing the carbon footprint of Roundtable meetings, strategies for education and outreach to private land owners and local governments, upcoming international meetings and outreach opportunities they might present, and implementing an Outreach Partners initiative. All are welcome to attend.

DAY II - Wednesday – February 27, 2008

- 8:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service and Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chairs
- 8:10 a.m. **Report Back from Small Groups on Education and Outreach for Private Landowners**
- 9:00 a.m. **Discussion on a National Policy for Sustainable Forests: Draft Sustainable Forest Act**
Michael Buck, Sustainable Forestry Representative, National Association of State Foresters and Michael Mortimer, Director of Forest Policy, Society of American Foresters
- 9:45 a.m. **Smaller Group Discussion: National Policy for Sustainable Forests**
- Is it a good idea to have a National Policy for Sustainable Forests?
 - What are the barriers to developing and adopting a National Policy for Sustainable Forests?
 - Is this the right time for a National Policy for Sustainable Forests? If not, why not?
 - What is the role of the Roundtable in developing a National Policy for Sustainable Forests?
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **Plenary – Small Group Report Back and Discussion**
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch Break**
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- 1:00 p.m. **Climate Change Panel: What Science Has Told Us and What We Still Need to Know**
Rebecca Romsdahl, Assistant Professor, Earth Systems Science and Policy, University of North Dakota, and Dr. Allen Solomon, National Program Leader for Climate Change Research, USDA Forest Service
Moderator: Ann Bartuska, Deputy Chief for Research and Development, USDA Forest Service

- 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. **Climate Change Panel: What Your Organization is Doing to Influence Society to Take Action and Bring about Change**
 Jay Jensen, Executive Director, Western Forestry Leadership Coalition; Rebecca Romsdahl, Assistant Professor, Earth Systems Science and Policy, University of North Dakota; and Graham Cox, Audubon New York
 Moderator: Don Outen, Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management
 Panel Summary and Synthesis: Ann Bartuska, Deputy Chief for Research and Development, USDA Forest
- 4:45 p.m. **Wrap-up and Next Steps**
 Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service and Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Wednesday evening could be reserved for an informal evening gathering of participants in the different resource roundtables, including the Roundtable on Sustainable Forests, Sustainable Rangeland Roundtable, and the Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable. [There are no resources currently available for this potential event.]

DAY III – Thursday, February 28, 2008

- 8:00 a.m. **Welcome Back and Opening Remarks**
 Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership
- 8:10 a.m. **Climate Change in the 2010 National Report**
 Richard Guldin, Director, Quantitative Sciences, USDA Forest Service, Research and Development
 - Formative plans for highlighting climate change in the 2010 National Report
- 8:40 p.m. **Climate Change and Integration with Other Resource Roundtables**
 Jack Morgan, Plant Physiologist, USDA Forest Service, Agricultural Research Service: a perspective from work with the Sustainable Rangeland Roundtable
 Rhonda Kranz, President, Kranz Consulting: a perspective from work with the Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable
 Ted Heintz, Center for Environmental Quality: a perspective on work with developing National Indicators
- 9:20 a.m. **Smaller Group Discussion: Climate Change**
 - What might Roundtable participants do with this information relative to their organization/constituency?
 - How might different resource Roundtables use information from the panel discussions? What might be some areas of commonality and what might be opportunities for different Roundtables to work together on climate change?
- 10:10 a.m. **Break**
- 10:20 a.m. **Plenary – Small Group Report Back and Discussion**
- 11:00 a.m. **Overview of Updated Work Plan for the Roundtable on Sustainable Forests**
 Michael Buck, Sustainable Forestry Representative, National Association of State Foresters, and others on the Work Plan Committee
- 11:20 a.m. **Discussion on the Updated Work Plan**
 Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership
- Noon **Wrap-up and Next Steps**
 Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership

12:15 p.m. **Adjourn**