



Roundtable on Sustainable Forests

A Partnership for the Future

National Meeting – Action Strategy for the Future October 14 and 15, 2009

Location: The DuPont Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, DC

Relevant Resources

- Draft II Stakeholder Sustainable Forests Action Strategy (SFAS) -- http://www.sustainableforests.net/docs/SFAS_Draft_V_2_091012.doc
- SFAS Annex 2, Issue Papers -- http://www.sustainableforests.net/docs/SFAS_Annex_2.doc
- Roundtable on Sustainable Forests -- www.sustainableforests.net/
- 2010 Draft National Report on Sustainable Forests -- www.fs.fed.us/research/sustain/2010SustainabilityReport/
- 2003 National Report on Sustainable Forests -- www.fs.fed.us/research/sustain/2003SustainabilityReport/

Meeting Objectives

- Develop stakeholder support and momentum for implementing actions steps to be taken in the *next two years* to improve conservation and sustainable management of the nation's forests based upon Draft II of the Sustainable Forests Action Strategy and the 2010 National Report Sustainable Forests.
- Clarify the role of the RSF in preparation for the International Year of Forests in 2011.
- Ratify RSF activities in 2010.

Agenda

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

7:30 a.m. **Registration**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Jim Hubbard, Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service
Joel Holtrop*, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA Forest Service, and
Roundtable Co-Chairs*

*Richard Brinker, Dean and Professor, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, Auburn
University and Sustainable Forests Partnership*

* RSF Co-Chair facilitative lead for the agenda topic

Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, and Professor of Forest Resources, The Pennsylvania State University, School of Forest Resources

- Welcome, introductions, opening remarks
- Agenda Review and Overview of Workshop Expectations and Outcomes
- Questions and Answers

8:20 a.m. **Overview of the Approach Taken to Draft the Stakeholder Sustainable Forest Action Strategy**

Jim Hubbard, USDA Forest Service, Session Lead

Nadine Block, American Forest & Paper Association and Eric Norland, National Institute of Food and Agriculture

- Process and Approach to Producing Drafts I and II of the SFAS
- Questions, answers and discussion

8:35 a.m. **Overview and Discussion of Recommendations in the SFAS**

Jim Hubbard, USDA Forest Service, Session Lead

Michael Buck, Sustainable Forests Coordinator, National Association of State Foresters

- Overview of comments and the nature of changes resulting from stakeholder input on Draft I of the SFAS
- Overview of the Recommendations in Draft II of the SFAS
- Questions, answers and discussion
- Direction for small group discussion

9:20 a.m. **Keynote Speaker**

Jay Jensen, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment

Introduced by Jim Hubbard, Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service

- Presentation
- Questions and answers

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **Breakout Session I: Reflections on Draft II of the SFAS**

Participants will stay at their assigned tables for the first of several small group discussion opportunities. The objective of the discussion is for participants to become familiar with the overall content of the Draft and decide which action area they want to discuss in small group session later in the day. Small group discussions will be facilitated and documented by participants identified prior to or at the meeting.

- Round – robin reflections and discussion on Draft II of the SFAS
- Does the approach and criteria used to make recommendations make sense?

- Do the recommended actions strike an appropriate balance between actions that are significant and achievable, yet can garner the support of the diverse forest community?
- What, if any, suggestions do you have for other actions that are important to include in the draft SFAS to more effectively strike a balanced and integrated approach to achieving sustainable forests in the United States?
- What, if any, important aspects of forests sustainability or important interests or perspectives are not adequately reflected in Draft II of the SFAS? How would you suggest addressing them?

11:30 a.m. **Plenary Session: Refining Areas for Action**

Richard Brinker, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Session Lead
Sarah Walen, Meridian Institute

- Small group reports
- Discussion
- Brief 'sensing' exercise on the level of participant interest in the recommended actions
- Direction for small group discussion

12:30 p.m. **Working Lunch**

1:15 p.m. **Breakout Session II: Planning for Action**

Participants will move to tables identified by recommended action for facilitated and documented small group discussion on the action. The objective of the discussion is to develop a proposal for implementing the recommended action in two years. The proposed action areas are selected from Draft II of the SFAS or were identified during the preceding discussion and sensing exercise.

Facilitated discussion will be as follows:

- Round – robin reflections and discussion on the recommended action.
- How might the recommended action(s) be modified or clarified to increase chances for implementing effective changes?
- How will these actions be most effectively taken in what timeframe?
- Who needs to be involved in addressing the recommended actions?
- How can you or others you might recommend participate?
- What are the immediate next steps necessary to implement the action?

3:15 p.m. **Break**

3:30 p.m. **Breakout Session III: Testing the Action Plans**

Each small group will identify two individuals to remain at their table to talk informally with and listen to input from individuals visiting from other small groups. We suggest that one of the individuals is a Core Group author of one of the recommended actions.

Other participants will move freely around the room to learn about and provide input on other action areas of interest. We suggest that these participants identify two or more additional actions of interest and plan to spend about 20 minutes at each action station.

4:20 p.m. **Break**

4:30 p.m. **Plenary: Report Back and Discussion on Proposals for Action**

Jim Hubbard, USDA Forest Service, Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service, and Richard Brinker, and Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership*

- Brief small group report backs
- Questions, answers and discussion

5:30 p.m. **Adjourn for Dinner**

7:00 p.m. **(Optional) Communications and Outreach Work Group Meeting**

Open meeting to discuss additional ways to engage stakeholders in implementing the SFAS.

Thursday, October 15, 2009

7:30 a.m. **Coffee**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome, Discussion and Validation of Proposals for Action**

Jim Hubbard, USDA Forest Service, Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service, and Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership*

- Agenda review
- Overview of what the Co-Chairs heard about recommended actions, and potential role(s) of the RSF
- Questions and answers
- Discussion on next steps necessary to implement actions

9:00 a.m. **Overview and Discussion of RSF Activities in FY2010 and Beyond**

Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Session Lead

Peter Gaulke, NEPA, Strategic Planning & Sustainability, USDA Forest Service

- Overview of planned FY2010 activities

- Discussion on how well FY2010 activities support some of the work proposed to implement the SFAS Actions, preparation for 2011 International Year of Forests, and other areas of RSF focus
- Other potential areas of RSF focus beyond FY2010

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **Role of the RSF in Planning for 2011 International Year of Forests**

Jim Hubbard, USDA Forest Service

- Is there/what role might the RSF play in the planning process?
- How might the RSF recognize and celebrate 2011 IYF?
- Next steps

11:00 a.m. **Forest Stakeholder Updates**

Jim Hubbard, USDA Forest Service, Session Lead

- Status of finalizing the 2010 National Report on Sustainable Forests - *Guy Robertson, USDA Forest Service*
- Forestry Program for Oregon Update - *David Morman, Department of Forestry, State of Oregon*
- Other

11:45 a.m. **Closing**

Jim Hubbard and Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service, and Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership*

- Closing remarks
- Next Steps and acknowledgements

12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**