



Roundtable on Sustainable Forests

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REVIEW WORKSHOP FOR THE DRAFT NATIONAL REPORT ON SUSTAINABLE FORESTS - 2010

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AGENDA

Relevant Resources:

- Roundtable on Sustainable Forests: www.sustainableforests.net/
- 2010 Sustainability Draft Report: www.fs.fed.us/research/sustain/2010SustainabilityReport/
- 2003 Sustainability Report: www.fs.fed.us/research/sustain/2003SustainabilityReport/
- Link to Comment on 2010 Draft:
www.fs.fed.us/research/sustain/2010SustainabilityReport/comment.shtml

Workshop Objectives:

- *To gather stakeholder input on the content of the draft National Report on Sustainable Forests – 2010 to help finalize the draft Report.*
- *To obtain input on how to use the National Report and the framework of the Montreal Process Criteria and Indicator (MP C&I) to strengthen the Nation's commitment to sustainable forest management.*

DAY ONE – Wednesday, February 4, 2009

7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. **Opening Plenary Session – Overview of the National Report**

- Welcome, Introductions and Purpose of the Workshop – *Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA Forest Service, Roundtable Co-Chair*
- Process and Approach to Producing the National Report – *Richard Guldin, Director, Quantitative Sciences, USDA Forest Service, Research and Development*
- Overview of the Content of the National Report – *Guy Robertson, Sustainability Program Lead, Forest Service Research, USDA Forest Service*
- Agenda Review and Overview of Workshop Expectations and Outcomes – *Sarah Walen, Meridian Institute*
- Opportunity for Questions and Answers



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9:30 a.m. **Breakout Session I: Round Robin and Discussion:
Reflections on Draft National Report and Chapter 1**

Breakout Group Discussion Questions:

1. What do you hope to achieve at this workshop?
2. What initial comments do you have regarding the draft National Report on Sustainable Forests – 2010 (two positive aspects of the report that are particularly helpful or strong and two aspects that could use improvement)?
3. What initial comments do you have regarding Chapter 1?

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. **Overview of Criterion in Chapter 2**

Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service, Roundtable Co-Chair

- General Overview – *Brad Smith, Research Forester, Research and Development, Quantitative Science, USDA Forest Service*
Criterion 1 Stephen Shifley, Northern Research Station, USDA Forest Service
Criterion 2 Brad Smith, USDA Forest Service
Criterion 3 Frank Sapio, Director, Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team (FHTET), USDA Forest Service
Criterion 4 Mike Amacher, Research Soil Scientist, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Forestry Sciences Lab, USDA Forest Service
Criterion 5 Christopher W. Woodall, Ph.D., Forest Inventory and Analysis, Northern Research Station, USDA Forest Service
Criterion 6 Ken Skog, Project Leader, Economics and Statistics Research, Forest Products Laboratory, USDA Forest Service
Criterion 7 Steverson Moffat, Research Forester, Southern Research Station, USDA Forest Service
- Opportunity for Clarifying Questions and Guidance for Small Group Discussion

Noon Box Lunch

Breakout Group Discussion Questions:

Criterion Discussion Questions

1. What are the most meaningful findings?
2. How well does the information and analysis in this criterion address the question of forest sustainability? What specific suggestions do you have for revising the draft Report?
3. What steps should be taken to improve the content and utility of reporting on this criterion?



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- 12:30 p.m. **Breakout Session II: Chapter 2 - First Criterion Discussion**
- Discussion Lead Provides Brief Overview of Criterion
 - Discussion of Criterion
- 1:30 p.m. Break and Move to Next Breakout Session
- 1:40 p.m. **Breakout Session III: Chapter 2 continued (Second Criterion Discussion)**
- Discussion Lead Provides Brief Overview of Criterion
 - Small Group Discussion of Criterion
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. **Plenary Response**
Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service, Roundtable Co-Chair
- Brief Summary of Key Themes Heard During Workshop Discussion – *Sarah LaPlante, Presidential Management Fellow, and Brad Smith, USDA Forest Service*
 - Opportunity for participants to provide reflections on the workshop discussion.
- 4:00 p.m. **Plenary Presentation on Highlights of Chapters 3 – Summary of Significant Conditions and Trends**
Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service, Roundtable Co-Chair
- Highlights of Chapter 3 – *Guy Robertson, USDA Forest Service*
 - Questions and answers
- 4:20 p.m. **Breakout Session IV – Discussion of Chapter 3**
- Breakout Group Discussion Questions:***
1. How well does the summarization of key findings in Chapter three represent the indicator data presented in Chapter two?
 2. How effective is the balance and presentation strategy for Chapter three?
 3. What conclusions from Chapter three strike you as the most important?
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn for Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. **(Optional) Discussion on How the Draft National Report Contributes to Addressing the Goal of Sustainable Forests: Successes and Challenges**
Richard Guldin, USDA Forest Service



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- Overview of how the draft Report attempts to address the goal of sustainable forests - *Richard Guldin, USDA Forest Service*
- How well does the draft Report integrate forest data to address the question of sustainability?
- How could the content of the draft National Report be better utilized to address the question of sustainability? What else could be done?

DAY TWO – Thursday, February 5, 2009

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. **Welcome, Opening Remarks and Review of the Agenda for Day 2**
Richard Guldin, USDA Forest Service

8:15 a.m. **Plenary Presentation on Highlights of Chapter 4 – Broadening and Deepening Commitments to Sustainability**
Richard Guldin, USDA Forest Service

- Highlights of Chapter 4 – *Ruth McWilliams, US Forest Service Volunteer*
- Questions and answers

8:45 a.m. **Breakout Session V – Discussion of Chapter 4**

Breakout Group Discussion Questions:

1. How effectively are the ideas of broadening and deepening sustainability using the MP C&I as a framework explained?
2. What other domestic examples of using the MP C&I should be reviewed and considered for the final report?
 - place-based actions
 - linking geographical scales
 - linking institutional commitments
3. Does the chapter effectively show that the MP C&I provide a functional framework for advancing sustainable forest management at multiple scales? If not, why not?

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. **Plenary Presentation and Discussion: Chapter 5 – Call to Action.**

- Highlights of Chapter 5 – *Richard Guldin and Peter Gaulke, NEPA, Strategic Planning & Sustainability, USDA Forest Service*
- Questions and answers



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10:30 a.m. **Breakout Session VI – Discussion of Chapter 5**

Breakout Group Discussion Questions:

1. How well does the draft National Report explain the assumptions to set the context for sustainable forest management?
2. How well does the draft National Report highlight key issues? Are there any issues suggested by the material in Chapters 2, 3, and 4 that are of greater importance than the ones identified in Chapter 5? If so, why?
3. What other actions would help to advance sustainable forest management in the US?

11:45 p.m. **Plenary Response**

Richard Guldin, USDA Forest Service

- Opportunity for participants to provide reflections on the workshop discussion.
- Reflection and discussion on how ‘the big questions’ were and could be addressed.

12:45 p.m. **Closing**

Richard Guldin, USDA Forest Service

- Closing Remarks
- Next Steps and Acknowledgements
- Return Evaluation Form to Registration Desk

1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**