



Roundtable on Sustainable Forests

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

HOLIDAY INN, 197 E. BROAD STREET, ATHENS, GEORGIA 30601
FEBRUARY 24 AND 25, 2009

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 – Tuesday, February 24, 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 – *Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, and Professor of Forest Resources, The Pennsylvania State University, School of Forest Resources, Roundtable Co-Chair and Richard Guldin, Director, Quantitative Sciences, USDA Forest Service, Research and Development*
- Process and Approach to Producing the National Report – *Richard Guldin, USDA Forest Service*
- 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**

Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chair

- General Overview – *Sonja Oswald, Forest Resource Analyst, USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station Forest Inventory and Analysis*
 - Criterion 1 - *Stephen Shifley, Northern Research Station, USDA Forest Service*
 - Criterion 2 - *Sonja Oswald, USDA Forest Service*
 - Criterion 3 – *Guy Robertson, Sustainability Program Lead, Forest Service Research, 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 (Criteria 1–3, 6)**
- Discussion Lead Provides Brief Overview of Criterion
 - Small Group Discussion of Criterion (*discussion questions above*)
- 1:30 p.m. Break (Move to Next Breakout Session)
- 1:40 p.m. **Breakout Session III: Chapter 2 continued (Criteria 4-7)**
- Discussion Lead Provides Brief Overview of Criterion
 - Small Group Discussion of Criterion (*discussion questions above*)
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. **Plenary Response**
Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chair
- Brief Summary of Key Themes Heard During Workshop Discussion – *Sarah LaPlante, Presidential Management Fellow*
 - 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**
Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, 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. Are the key findings presented in Chapter three consistent with the indicator data in Chapter two? What, if anything is missing?
 2. What other ways would you suggest presenting the summary findings in the chapter?
 3. What conclusions from Chapter three strike you as the most important?
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn for Dinner



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- 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
- 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 – Wednesday, February 25, 2009

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. **Welcome, Opening Remarks and Review of the Agenda for Day 2**
Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chair

8:15 a.m. **Plenary Presentation on Highlights of Chapter 4 – Broadening and Deepening Commitments to Sustainability**
Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chair

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

8:40 a.m. **Breakout Session V – Discussion of Chapter 4**

Breakout Group Discussion Questions:

4. How effectively are the ideas of broadening and deepening sustainability using the MP C&I as a framework explained?
5. 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
6. 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?

9:40 a.m. Break

9:55 a.m. **Plenary Presentation and Discussion: Chapter 5 – Call to Action**
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- Highlights of Chapter 5 – *Richard Guldin, USDA Forest Service*
- Questions and answers



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10:15 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?

11:15 p.m. **Plenary Response**

Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chair

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

12:15 p.m. **Closing**

Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, Roundtable Co-Chairs and Richard Guldin, USDA Forest Service

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

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**