

Roundtable on Sustainable Forests – Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable – Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable

Sustainable Roundtables “All Steering Committee” Meeting

December 3, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Top of the Town, 14th Floor, 1400 14th St N, Arlington, VA

Objectives are to:

- Expose the sustainable Roundtable communities to the missions and programs of work for each.
- Seek areas of coordination between Roundtables over the next 2-3 years.
- Develop an action plan for moving forward with coordinated activities.
- Develop a game plan for a combined “All Roundtables” Meeting.
- Contribute in some way to the ongoing dialogue on developing a set of national indicators.

Agenda

8:00 a.m. **Coffee**

8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Peter Gaulke, USDA Forest Service, Kristie Maczko, MATCOM – RMRS, and Ted Heintz

- Welcome and introductions
- Brief history of the Roundtables Network: How we got here
- Meeting objectives and agenda review

9:20 a.m. **Presentation of Roundtable Missions and Programs of Work**

Representative from each Roundtable will present 20 minute overviews of their: 1) organizational mission and program of work, 2) how criteria and indicators are being applied, including observations about potential areas of indicator overlap across resource areas, and 3) plans for/examples of sub-national application.

- Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable
- Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable
- Roundtable on Sustainable Forests
- Questions, answers and discussion

10:30 a.m. **Break**

- 10:45 a.m. **Discussion on Potential Areas of Program Coordination: Is There a ‘There’ There?**
- What are the potential areas of overlap across the work plans?
 - What type of coordination might make sense in the 2-3 year time frame?
 - What are some examples of activities the Roundtables could coordinate on?
- 11:45 a.m. **Catered Lunch**
- 12:15 p.m. **Small Group Session: What a Coordinated Action Plan Might Look Like**
Form 3 small groups of 6, 2 individuals from each Roundtable, to talk about how to refine potential areas of coordination.
- Identify 2 or 3 coordinated actions that could take place over the next 2 – 3 years
 - Outline potential next steps to take action
- 1:00 p.m. **Report Back and Discussion on Refining Areas of Coordination**
- Small group report backs
 - Identification of potential areas of priority
- 1:45 p.m. **Break**
- 2:00 p.m. **Strategy for Engaging the Roundtables**
- How can we engage the Roundtables in the areas of priority?
 - Is a combined “All Roundtables” Meeting an appropriate next step? If so, what are the next steps in the planning process?
- 2:45 p.m. **Contributing to the Dialogue on National Indicators**
Mr. James Bernard, Bernard Consulting and Richard Guldin, USDA Forest Service
- Brief review of work to date developing national indicators
 - Update on what we know about CEQ’s plans for the ongoing dialogue
 - Questions, answers and discussion
- 3:15 p.m. **Wrap-up and Transition to Reception**
- 3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**