



# Roundtable on Sustainable Forests

*A Partnership for the Future*

## Are America's Forests Sustainable? *Status, Challenges and Our Next Steps*

**Date** June 29, 2011

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### Agenda

#### Meeting Objectives:

- Contribute to the ongoing stakeholder dialogue on the sustainability of the Nation's forests with public and private forest sector leaders;
- Identify the priority challenges to sustaining the Nation's forests;
- Build agreement and commitment on priority action strategies to sustain our Nation's forests; and
- Inform the direction and future work of the RSF.

**Location:** DuPont Circle Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC

### June 29, 2011 – National Roundtable Meeting

- 8:30 am**      **Dupont A Ballroom**  
**Registration and Continental breakfast**
- 9:00 am**      **Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks and Agenda Review**  
*\*Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, US Forest Service; Jim Finley, Professor, School of Forest Resources, Pennsylvania State University and Sustainable Forests Partnership; and Michael Buck, Sustainable Forestry Representative, National Association of State Foresters, Roundtable Co-chairs*
- 9:20 am**      **Keynote Speaker**  
*\* Joel Holtrop, US Forest Service*  
Tom Tidwell, Chief, US Forest Service
- 9:50 am**      **Setting the Stage: the 2010 National Report on Sustainable Forests and the Stakeholder Sustainable Forests Action Strategy**  
*\* Joel Holtrop, US Forest Service*

**A. 2010 National Report**

*Richard Guldin, Director, Quantitative Sciences, US Forest Service*

- FS findings and plans to utilize the National Report
- Clarifying questions

**B. SFAS**

*Michael Buck, NASF*

- Overview of challenges, recommendations, and actions to-date
- Clarifying questions

**C. Charge to Panelists**

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**10:15 am Break**

**10:30 am Panel I – Forest Stakeholders: Perspectives on the State of the Nation’s Forests**

*\*Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership*

Panel I: Rita Hite, Vice President, Public Affairs, American Forest Foundation; Dave Tenny, President and CEO, National Alliance of Forest Owners; John T. Shannon, Arkansas State Forester, Arkansas Forestry Commission

1. Are the 2010 Report’s key findings in line with your experience and perceptions regarding forest conditions in the United States? What does the data and information in the report tell you about the sustainability of the Nation’s Forests?
2. The SFAS and 2010 National Report’s findings aside, do you believe our forests are currently sustainable and what general actions would you suggest for ensuring forest sustainability in the foreseeable future?
3. What practical steps do you recommend to further sustainable forest management in the United States in the immediate future? Please identify actions that are: 1) achievable in the next few years; 2) relatively inexpensive; and (3) are able to leverage already existing efforts.

**12:00 pm Working Lunch**

**1:00 pm**      **Midday Speaker**  
*\* Michael Buck, NASF*  
 Michael T. Goergen, Jr., Chief Executive Office and Executive Vice President,  
 Society of American Foresters

**1:20 pm**      **Panel II – Forest Stakeholders: Perspectives on the State of the Nation’s Forests**  
*\* Michael Buck, NASF*  
 Robin O’Malley, USGS National Climate Change and Wildlife Science  
 Center, Moderator

Panel II: Robert Fledderman, Manager, Emerging Issues, MeadWestveco;  
 Scott Jones, Chief Executive Officer, The Forest Landowners Association;  
 Laurie Wayburn, *Co-CEO and* President, Pacific Forest Trust

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**2:30 pm**      **Break**

**2:45 pm**      **Dupont B Ballroom**  
**Samoan Circle**  
*\*Michael Buck, NASF*

Marvin Brown, Natural Resource Planning/Policy Consultant, Moderator

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[**Samoan Circle:** This is a method of unfacilitated stakeholder sharing (similar to the fishbowl method some may be familiar with). Samoan elders used the method to discuss issues of importance to the community. Stakeholders sit in a circle around an inner circle of four people. Participants in the inner circle are allowed to speak while participants in the outer circle remain silent. When a stakeholder from the outer circle wants to join the conversation, they go and stand behind the seated individual they want to replace and tap them on their shoulder, indicating the speaker needs to finish their sentence and move to the outer circle. Once the discussion is finished, the full group reflects on the discussion.]

**4:00 pm      Open Discussion: Putting it All Together**

*\*Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership*

**4:45 pm      Co-Chair Reflections and Next Steps for the RSF**

*\*Joel Holtrop, US Forest Service, Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, and Michael Buck, National Association of State Foresters, Roundtable Co-chairs*

**5:00 pm      Adjourn**