

Final Approval of Revised Guideline Language

MFRC Meeting
September 19, 2012



Where we are at

Task	Date
Scoping process	January – June 2010
Site-level Committee evaluation / recommendation	September 2010 – November 2011
Introduction to full MFRC	November 2011
MFRC approval / modifications of recommendations	January – March 2012
Peer review of recommendations Economic Analysis	May - August 2012
Final language approval	Today!

Peer review Process

Duration:

May 8 – June 5

Materials:

Background

Summary of changes

Detailed language

Review forms

Assessment:

qualitative ranking

narrative comments

Scientific Review Evaluation Form

Name of Reviewer: _____

Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Review subtopic: Infrastructure Leave trees Biomass harvest RMZ's

Evaluation Criteria

	<u>Rating (select one)*</u>				
	Increase** substantially	Increase slightly	No change	Decrease slightly	Decrease substantially

Practicality

(Do the proposed changes describe practices that can be more easily applied on the ground?)

Effectiveness

(Will the proposed changes protect the resource compared to the existing standards?)

Science-based

(Are the proposed changes consistent with current scientific principles and understanding?)

Flexibility

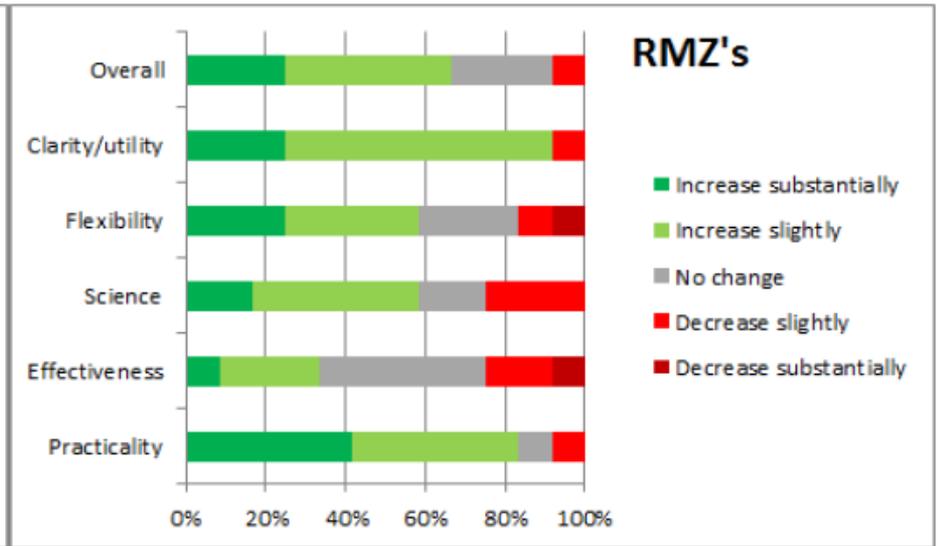
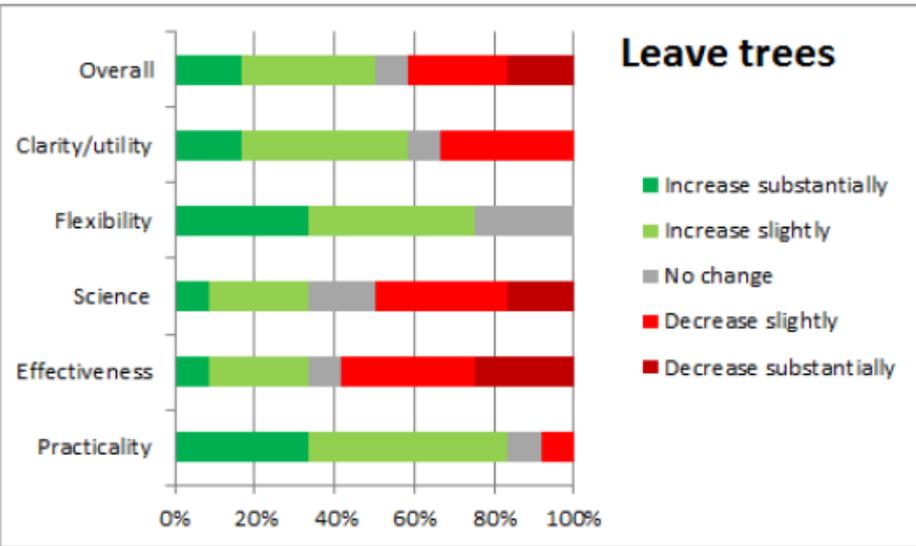
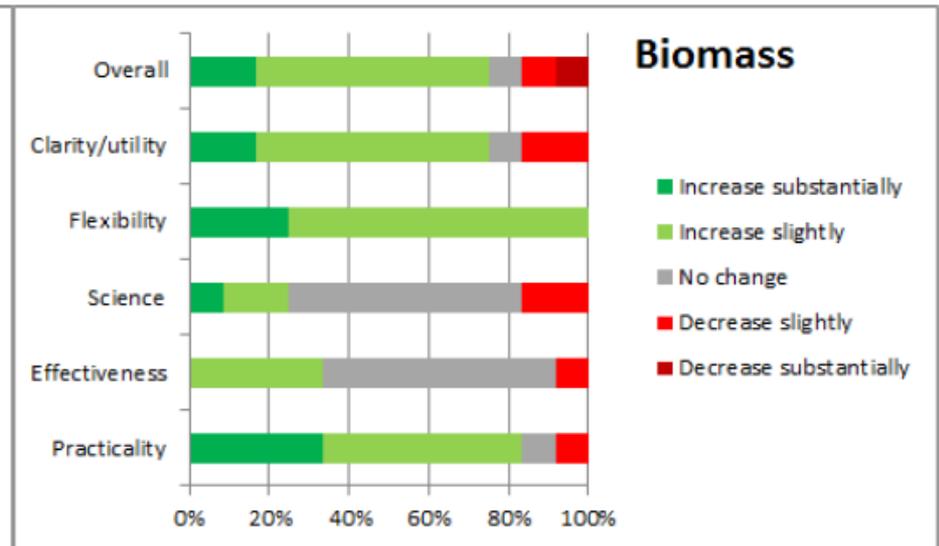
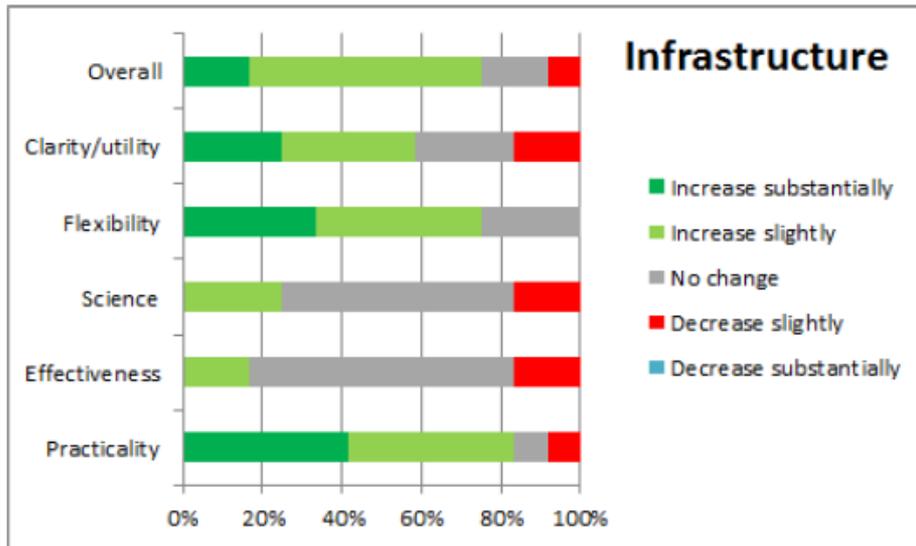
(Can the proposed changes be applied to variable forest conditions and landowner objectives)

Clarity and ease of use

(Will the proposed changes improve understanding and application by user groups)

Overall rating of proposed changes

Scientific rankings



Main issues from review

Infrastructure – recommendations not intuitive

SL Recommendation: do nothing

Leave trees – economic considerations

SL Recommendation: add clarifying language

Leave trees – counting RMZ area as leave tree area

SL Recommendation: do nothing

RMZ's – residual basal area (RSTC vs. MFRC recs)

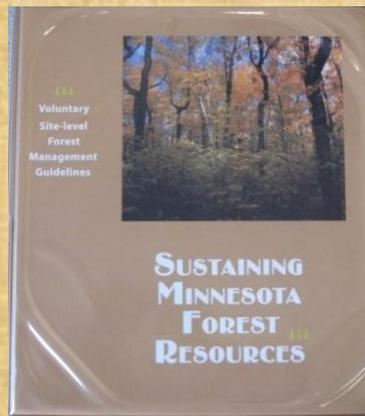
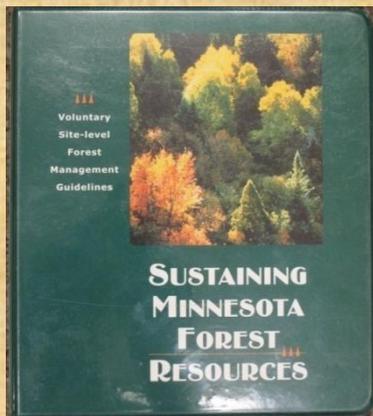
SL Recommendation: do nothing

New item: petroleum spills

- Contact by PCA in August regarding spill language
 - existing language does not reflect statute and guidance
 - issue brought up as far back as 2006
- New language reflects statute and guidance
 - clarifies all spills must be cleaned up with reasonable effort
 - clarifies PCA guidance on thin-spreading soil
- New language reviewed by SL Committee – no issues

Important points to remember

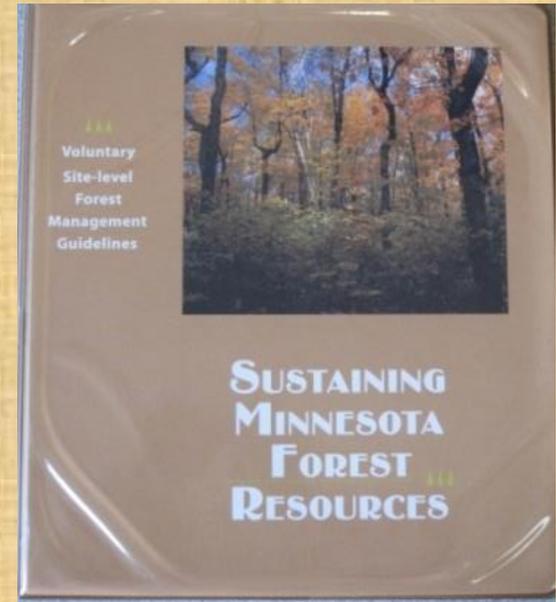
- Most of language has not changed since March meeting
- Changes only made in response to review comments
 - recommended by SL Committee
 - minor items and change to 1 main item
- Decision today will largely end the revision process
 - language likely further modified in field guide



Timber harvesting field guide

The situation

- Many requests for simplification of the guidebook (stakeholders)
- Development of field guide approved during revision scoping process
 - focus on timber harvesting activities
 - begin after revision is completed
- LCCMR funding request rejected, MFRC funding for next biennium uncertain
 - urgent need to publish revised guidelines
 - some funds available from FY 2013 budget
 - publication must be completed by June 30, 2013



Primary factors

1) Content to be included in field guide

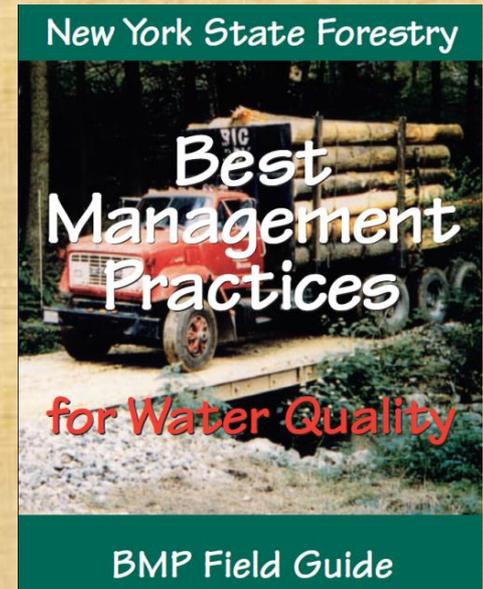
- agreement on “critical” guidelines
- stakeholder input, MFRC assessment

2) Modifying language appropriate for field guide

- existing language very broad (e.g., exceptions, flexibility, etc.)
- concise recommendations needed

3) User-friendly content structure and format

- Topics, harvest characteristics, or timing of activities?
- examples, pictures, resources, associated regulations



Proposed Process

- 1) Solicit stakeholder input / MFRC rankings
- 2) MFRC Ad hoc committee identifies key content
- 3) Technical team develops field guide
 - make existing language concise
 - content structure and format
 - pictures, diagrams, etc.
- 4) Final content / layout approved or modified by MFRC

Potential technical team members

- D. Rossman, D. Chura, E. Sagor, C. Blinn, others.....

Stakeholder Input

Request for input already made to MFRP and MLEP

- 1) Ranking of timber harvesting guidelines based on their importance
- 2) Ideas related to the presentation of content
- 3) Suggestions on the structure and format to maximize usability
- 4) List of useful resources (information, contacts, etc.)

MFRC member input

Relevant sections: general, timber harvesting, roads, biomass harvesting

Topics

- Wetlands
- visual quality
- Cultural resources
- spills
- Others
- erosion control
- RMZs
- wildlife-related
- infrastructure

Resources / additional info

- Regulations
- Contacts
- technical ref.



Timeline

Task	Target completion
Stakeholder input / MFRC member ranking of guidelines	November 2012
Ad hoc committee recommendations on content	January 2013
Content approval / modification by full Council	January 2013
Technical team language and format	March 2013
MFRC approval / modifications of technical team product	March 2013
Layout and printing of field manual	June 2012