

SUMMARY**LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING****FEBRUARY 23, 2000****Members Attending**

Ron Nargang

Marcie McLaughlin

Wayne Brandt

Betsy Daub

Steven Daley Laursen

Jerry Rose

Guests

Brad Moore

Staff

Dave Miller

Chris Edgar

Chad Skally

Jim Manolis

Update on Statial Modeling Effort

Chris Edgar will be the overall project manager and Jim Manolis will be the technical team leader. Logan Lee, USFS, will be the leader of the Project Strategy Team with the following team members:

Agency/Organization/Group Participant

MCEA Jim Erkel

DNR Lee Pfanmuller*

Forest Industry Tim O'Hara

MFRC Landscape Program Dave Miller

County Land Commissioners Tom Martinson

U of M Alan Ek

Partnership Jim Marshall

TNC Jenny Brown

NRRI Jerry Neimi

MFRC Jan Green

*After our meeting the DNR decided to keep Lee on the team rather than Keith Wendt.

Chris will now proceed to contact the Project Team Members to set up a one day meeting in March. Chris will also prepare a paper for the Landscape Committee describing the roles, responsibilities, authorities and communication network between the various teams involved in the project.

Membership Criteria for Regional Committees

No decision was reached on the residency requirement. Betsy will send a draft to committee members and let Dave know by March 3 what changes will be made. Dave needs the information to prepare for establishing a committee in the NC. No other changes are necessary.

Outcomes for Regional Committees

This was tabled until our next meeting.

Organizing the NC Regional Committee

Dave briefed the committee on the timelines for organizing a committee in the NC landscape:

- Complete informational packages by March 10.
- Complete "Current Trends and Conditions Assessment" by March 20.
- Hold 3 public meetings during the first 3 weeks in April (Bemidji 4/11; Grand Rapids and Brainard area); local host will facilitate meetings; Mississippi Headwaters Board will co-sponsor and jointly publicize meetings.
- Mailing to interested parties will go out first of April.

The goal is to have enough participants signed up to have the first organizational meeting in May. Landscape Committee members are welcome to attend any and all meetings.

Planning Our Next Meeting

The following dates were listed as possibilities to convene a day long meeting to discuss the various planning efforts underway and how they fit with each other and the landscape

process: May 4, 18, 19, 23. Dave will begin to contact people involved in planning or planning support efforts to see if they are interested and available on one of these dates. Dave will work with Ron to set up a meeting agenda and design. Meeting will be held at the Cloquet Forestry Center.

Additional Topics

Road Coordination in the NE: the coordination work group is starting a process of coordinating roads across the landscape; a draft proposal was discussed at their last meeting and a small group of people assigned to finalize the proposal and present to the Council on March 28. (Ray Tarchinski, DNR; Terry Brown, Audubon; Dave Anderson, Potlatch; Duane Kick, USFS; and Mark Reed, St. Louis County); work group needs strong support from the Council to make this happen; Landscape Committee members all thought this was a good step and were very supportive.

Wildlife Award: Jerry Rose would like support for the DNR's nomination of Brian Kernohan for the "American Forest & Paper Association Wildlife Stewardship Award". Brian was instrumental in developing and promoting an ecologically based framework that is now being used in the landscape program. Dave will write a letter to Jerry documenting Brian's work with the landscape program and send copies to landscape committee members. Each member can write a letter of support and Ron will ask Council to endorse at the March meeting. Letters have to be to Jerry by March 13.

Northern Landscape: Steve Early, Boise Cascade, contacted Dave to see if we could establish a regional committee in the northern landscape; Dave will be meeting with him on March 10 to discuss possibilities; need to consider how to handle the northern landscape since there are 2 ecological sections that are very different included in the landscape; may also change our priorities in the SE.

Topics for Next Meeting Agenda

- Outcomes for Regional Committees
- May Planning Meeting
- Updates
- Spatial Modeling
- NC Regional Committee Status
- NE Road Coordination

Next Meeting: March 27, 2000; 3:00-6:00 at the DNR office.