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**Guideline Implementation Monitoring Technical Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 7 & 8, 1999**

In attendance (June 7, 1999): Dick Rossman, Tom Martinson, Terry Weber, Charlie Blinn, Clarence Turner, Dave Parent, Mike Phillips, Al Jones, Bob Morrow, Harry Fisher, Pat Emerson, and Jim Jones.

Absent (June 7, 1999): Barb Liukkonen, Kent Jacobson, Rick Dahlman, Tim Quincer, and Barb Leuelling.

In attendance (June 8, 1999): Mike Phillips, Bob Morrow, Barb Leuelling, Clarence Turner, Tom Martinson, Rick Dahlman, Charlie Blinn, Kent Jacobson, Pat Emerson, Jim Jones, and Harry Fisher.

Absent (June 8, 1999): Al Jones, Tim Quincer, Barb Liukkonen, Dick Rossman, Dave Parent, and Terry Weber.

Landowner objectives

There was a general discussion of the utility of including landowner objectives as part of the data collection. Dave Parent expressed the view that it is absolutely critical.

Site profile review

Dick Rossman provided an overview of the proposed site profile form. The technical committee provided numerous comments and suggestions which will be incorporated into the site profile for use in the field review of monitoring protocols (June 28, 1999).

Guideline monitoring worksheet review

The majority of the meeting for the two days was taken up with reviewing the draft monitoring worksheets. The technical committee reviewed each of the guidelines for the general, forest roads and timber harvesting guidelines. The worksheets included the specific guidelines and the measure for the guideline when monitored in the field. All comments and suggested changes, additions and deletions were noted for incorporation by Mike Phillips into the worksheets. Mike agreed to incorporate the changes and provide copies to the technical committee prior to the June 28, 1999 field review.

Protocols for site review process

Pat expressed her concern that early on in the monitoring discussions, the original BMP compliance monitoring process was automatically seen as the model to be used for the current

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effort at monitoring guidelines. The aspect of the BMP monitoring that Pat supports is the use of the field monitoring teams. However, Pat thinks that effectiveness monitoring can only be used to a limited degree in monitoring the timber harvesting and forest management guidelines. Kent Jacobson, however, would like to keep the option open of monitoring some effectiveness measures. Harry Fisher looks at effectiveness as a long term issue (years). Bob Morrow wants to keep the monitoring simple and focus on monitoring guidelines that can be observed in the field. Bob also supports contracting the field reviews to independent third parties. Tom Martinson supported that view.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. on June 8, 1999.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Grand Rapids on June 28, 1999. The technical committee will meet in the DNR regional office. Mike agreed to make the arrangements for the meeting. The meeting will be a field test of the monitoring worksheets. Mike asked Terry Weber if he could identify some potential NIPF sites for the field reviews. Terry said he would do so.