

**Guideline Implementation Monitoring Technical Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 1999**

In attendance: Mike Houser, Dick Rossman, Clarence Turner, Pat Emerson, Tim Quincer, Tom Martinson, Charlie Blinn, Barb Leuelling, Mike Phillips, and Rick Dahlman.

Absent: Harry Fisher, Kent Jacobson, Bob Morrow, Jim Erkel, Barb Liukkonen, Alan Jones, Jim Jones, Terry Weber, and Dave Parent.

Guests: Sandy Verry and Dick Buech.

Mike Phillips handed out the following documents:

- \$ meeting agenda
- \$ memo on DNR assistance for the implementation monitoring program
- \$ a list of effectiveness monitoring measures for the riparian management zone and seasonal ponds
- \$ LCMR Request for Proposal form
- \$ effectiveness monitoring for visual quality prepared by Alan Jones
- \$ effectiveness monitoring for cultural resources prepared by Pat Emerson
- \$ final MFRC implementation and effectiveness monitoring report
- \$ seasonal pond research proposal
- \$ a table of regeneration potential for aspen after one growing season
- \$ site-profile, pre-site visit review, and on-site review guideline measure forms

Mike stated that the objective of the meeting was to identify short term and long term effectiveness measures to be presented to the MFRC GIMC. He presented the following process for identifying these effectiveness measures.

11. Brainstorm effectiveness measures by topical area. Effectiveness measures were also to be identified for economics (costs and benefits).
12. Determine if effectiveness measures are short term (s), long term (l) or both (b).
13. Estimate the time needed to evaluate short term effectiveness measures.
14. Based on timing and other considerations, identify options for evaluating short term effectiveness measures.
15. Combine similar long term effectiveness measures.
16. Identify general themes (e.g., protecting biodiversity, protecting riparian functions, maintaining wildlife habitat) for research.
17. Note under which general theme each of the long-term effectiveness measures belongs.
18. Prioritize research effectiveness measures.

Mike defined short term measures as those which can be evaluated by the implementation monitoring team(s) in one monitoring cycle. Long term effectiveness measures were defined as:

1) research needs that will assess the effectiveness of the timber harvesting and forest management guidelines, and 2) those effectiveness measures which can be evaluated by the monitoring team(s) followed by additional field reviews over time.

The GIMTC spent an hour working in small groups to identify effectiveness measures. Then, as a group, the GIMTC determined which of the effectiveness measures were short term effectiveness measures, long term effectiveness measures, or both. The GIMTC then estimated the time it would take to evaluate the short term effectiveness measures. Mike Phillips then discussed how the long term effectiveness measures would be used to develop a comprehensive research proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. having completed only the first 3 of the 8 process objectives listed above.