

MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL
Site-Level Committee

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 6, 2021

<https://umn.zoom.us/j/94874488409?pwd=V24yRmhhdmhGbzRJQlZob0t3VHczdz09>

Members present: Kory Cease, Rick Horton (Alternate), Katie Fernholz, Scott Pittack

Members absent: Deb Theisen

Staff present: Hannah Friesen, Dick Rossman, Eric Schenck

Public Attendees/Guests: Tim Beyer (DNR), Keith Karnes (LLBO Forestry)

1. Meeting convenes – Kory Cease, Chair

Welcome of committee members and staff, as well as guest Tim Beyer of the DNR and Keith Karnes, forester for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

2. PCRP Procedure Review & Update – Kory Cease, Chair; Rick Horton

See attached document.

This topic was brought back to the committee due to some concerns expressed by Council members/DNR at the last MFRC meeting. SLC members and guests summarized off-line conversations regarding these concerns, and presented a new draft version of the PCRP procedures to the committee, which narrowed the reporting requirements for certification entities from what had initially been proposed. This current draft was presented as an agreement that addresses the concerns expressed by DNR, while also meeting the needs that resulted in the original edit.

There were some additional questions and concerns about the clarity of the language used in the draft and existing PCRP procedures, including notification requirements for Tribal governments.

In reviewing and discussing the proposed changes, it became clear that a more thorough review of the procedures may be necessary. SLC members and MFRC staff agreed to continue to review the PCRP procedures outside of meeting time, with a goal of presenting an updated draft PCRP document to the MFRC at their September meeting.

3. FMG Review Process – Hannah Friesen

See attached document & presentation.

MFRC Staff presented the completed summary overview of the FMG survey results, following the completion of survey collection in June 2021. Minor edits to the format of the summary

were suggested. SLC members agreed that the survey overview should be presented to MFRC for approval before publication and release to interested parties.

Initial discussion regarding the scope of the upcoming FMG literature review occurred amongst SLC members and staff. Suggestions regarding possible areas of interest were discussed. SLC members agreed that recommendations from the Guideline Monitoring Program report (sent to the committee in April 2021) should be considered in revision. SLC members agreed to spend more time reviewing the FMG survey results for possible “red flag” areas, as well as reviewing the Monitoring Program report and other relevant materials. SLC member recommendations from this process will be provided to MFRC staff for compilation and review at the next SLC meeting.

4. Additional Topics (as time allows) – All

MFRC staff & SLC liaison, Hannah Friesen, noted that she will be leaving her role with the MFRC at the beginning of September 2021 to pursue a new career opportunity.

No other additional topics were discussed.

5. Adjourn until next meeting:

Recurring meetings of the Site-Level Committee will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month, every other month, with the next meeting scheduled for ***Friday, October 1, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.***