

# MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

## Site-Level Committee Meeting Notes

1:00– 3:00 pm, Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

In attendance: Kory Cease (Chair), Ashlee Lehner

Staff in attendance: David Wilson, Dick Rossman, Eric Schenck

Committee members Scott Pittack and Katie Fernholz are leaving the council, and with new members coming onto the council, this is an opportunity to recruit for the committee.

1. Input on recommended guideline revisions and follow-up on items flagged for further investigation in Executive Summary.
  - a. RAC structure is likely to be reviewed in the near future, so seeking RAC input on the FMGs is not recommended at this time. See item 4 below for further discussion.
  - b. Presentation of “Climate Considerations” section and logo.
    1. Include a brief description of why we are recommending the climate considerations logo in each place it is used.
    2. Include additional references where appropriate (Eric).
  - c. Consider additional RMZ width at top of steep slopes (economics?).
    1. It is best to first develop the recommended changes, then consider the economic implications. (per Kory, Eric).
  - d. Leave Trees, including larger diameter trees (economics?).
    1. Aim recommendations at achieving desired future structure.
    2. Clarification of existing guidelines and their goals, including the long-term function of leave trees and the ecological role they are intended to serve .
  - e. Include Invasive Species Info (organizing topical info. for inclusion in relevant sections, i.e., GG-Planning, Roads, Pesticide Use, Mechanical Site Prep.).
2. Response to stakeholder input not included in guideline revisions.
  - a. Summarize that most recommendations are already included in FMGs, provide documentation.
3. Conduct a more careful review of topics already included in FMGs (this includes some of the stakeholder input in item 2 above).
4. Updated revision process flow-chart and revision completion goals (see attached Flow Chart).
  - a. Update how Climate Considerations section consultation will be done, organize Focus Group on the topic to review draft of new section and logo (Q2 to Q3).
  - b. Organize Focus Group to review draft of the new Invasive Species section (Q2 to Q3).
  - c. Incorporate results of Focus Groups into draft recommendations for Site Level Committee review (Q3).
  - d. Site Level Committee final FMG revision recommendations (end of Q3).
  - e. MFRC full council review of FMG revision recommendations (end of Q4).