



Roundtable on Sustainable Forests

A Partnership for the Future

Review Workshop for Draft National Report on Sustainable Forest: 2010

USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service
Waterfront Centre, 800 9th Street, SW, Room 1410, Washington, DC
March 23, 2009

AGENDA

Relevant Resources:

- Roundtable on Sustainable Forests: www.sustainableforests.net
- 2010 Sustainability Draft Report: www.fs.fed.us/research/sustain/2010SustainabilityReport
- 2003 Sustainability Report: www.fs.fed.us/research/sustain/2003SustainabilityReport
- Link to Comment on 2010 Draft:
www.fs.fed.us/research/sustain/2010SustainabilityReport/comment.shtml
- Advancing Sustainable Forest Management in the United States: <http://www.pinchot.org/pubs/10>

Workshop Objective: *To gather input on the content and organization of the Draft National Report to increase the Report's utility in policy discussions that promote sustainable forest management.*

12:30 p.m. **Registration**

1:00 p.m. **Opening Plenary Session**

- Welcome, Introductions and Purpose of the Workshop – *Roundtable Co-Chairs*
 - **Jim Hubbard, Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry,*
 - *Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System*
 - *USDA Forest Service,*
 - *Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership, and Professor of Forest Resources, The Pennsylvania State University, School of Forest Resources*
- Agenda Review – *Sarah Walen, Meridian Institute*
- Questions and answers

1:20 p.m. **Overview of the Draft National Report**

Jim Hubbard, USDA Forest Service

- Overview of process, approach to producing, and content of the National Report -
Richard Guldin, Director, Quantitative Sciences, USDA Forest Service, Research and Development
- Questions and answers

1:40 p.m. **Highlights and Key Policy Questions Arising from February Review Workshops**

Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership

- Highlights and key policy questions arising from stakeholder review of the Draft Report – *Rob Williams, Meridian Institute*
- Questions and answers

1. Should we interpret the data in the 2010 Draft Report, and if so how?

- How can we better portray the current status and recent trends (since 2003 report) as part of the indicator narratives? In this second report should we

* Discussion Lead

start incorporating more explicit signals regarding sustainable or unsustainable trends?

- How can we better address the overarching question of whether or not the Nation is making progress towards achieving sustainable forests?
2. What more could be done within the report to better support policy conversations at national, sub-national, and local scales? What other types of documents related to this national report (e.g., a separate "highlights" document or briefing materials) could be developed to better support policy conversations at national, sub-national, and local scales?
 3. What additional content would increase the utility of the report as a tool to inform ensuing policy dialogues? Are there better ways to organize the report for this purpose?

2:00 p.m. **Break and Transition to Small Groups**

2:10 p.m. **Small Group Discussion**

3:40 p.m. **Plenary – Brief Small Group Report Back and Plenary Discussion**
Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service

4:50 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**
**Joel Holtrop, USDA Forest Service, and Jim Finley, Sustainable Forests Partnership*

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**