



Preparing for the Next National Report on Sustainable Forests

Preparations for the 2015 edition

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Roadmap

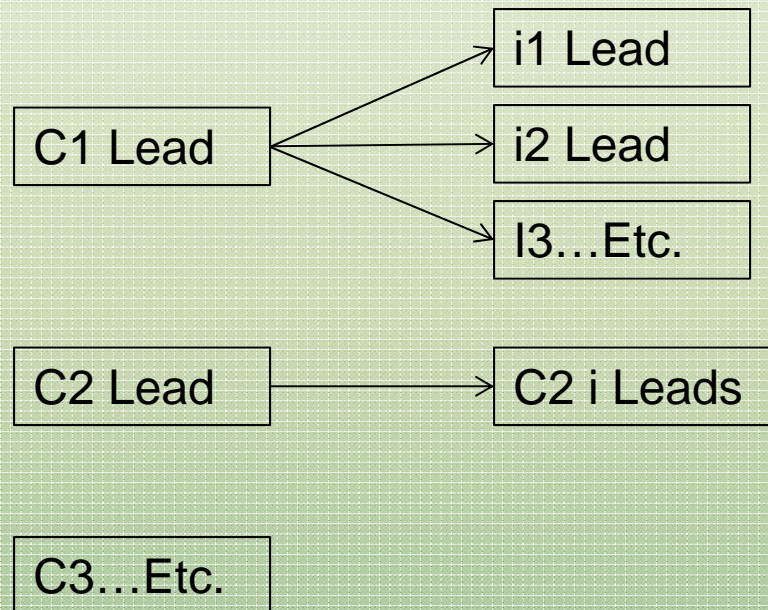
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 - RSF contribution to review and document production
 - Associated RSF activities and contributions

Plans for the 2015 Report Staffing

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Chapter Leads for Part I ?

Plans for the 2015 Report Timeline

- **April 2013:** Kick-off meeting with RSF and Criterion Leads
- **August 2013:** Structure and content of Part I determined
- **September 2013:** Mockups of chapters and indicator briefs complete
- **Oct 2013-March 2014:** Drafting of Parts 1 & 2
- **March 2014:** Review draft completed
- **April 2014:** 60 day comment period and related review begins
- **June 2014:** Review comments compiled, draft revision begins
- **August 2014:** Reviewed and revised draft to contract editors
- **November 2014:** Contract editing and revision complete, clearance process begins
- **February 2015:** Cleared final draft to printers
- **April 2015:** Release of final edition, press release and related rollout activities

Key Decisions for Roundtable

Content and Structure of 2015 Report

Part I

Open ended section for background, synthesis, summarization and interpretation.

Opportunity for RSF to contribute through:

- Directing FS authors to focus on specific topics, regional analyses, etc.
- Producing or soliciting outside content for inclusion in Report
- Determination of Key findings
- Other?

Part II

Criterion summaries and indicator briefs

Opportunity for RSF to contribute through:

- Indicator assessment (stop lights, ordinal scale, etc.) –would demand explicit process
- Suggestions for specific indicator analyses
- Ideas about overall presentation (e.g. to enhance navigation)
- Other?

Content and Structure of 2015 Report

Approaches to Part I

Topical focus

2 or 3 chapters focusing on topics chosen by the RSF

Regional Focus

Separate analyses addressing major regions (e.g. RPA regions). The aim would be to provide consistent data measures from key indicators accompanied by synthetic analysis

Solicited Content

invited writers to address forest sustainability broadly from their own (or their organization's) perspective

Determination of Key Findings

RSF works through an explicit process to identify key findings for report

Other Ideas?

Approaches to Part I

Ideas for Topical Focus (picklist—choose 2 or 3)

Synthesis chapters on RSF Action Strategy topics

Synthesis chapters on RSF Action Strategy topics: (1) forest loss and fragmentation; (2) declining forest health; and (3) deteriorating forest management infrastructure

Forest Dependent Communities

Expanded analysis of forest communities based in part on analysis in indicator 38 (community resilience)

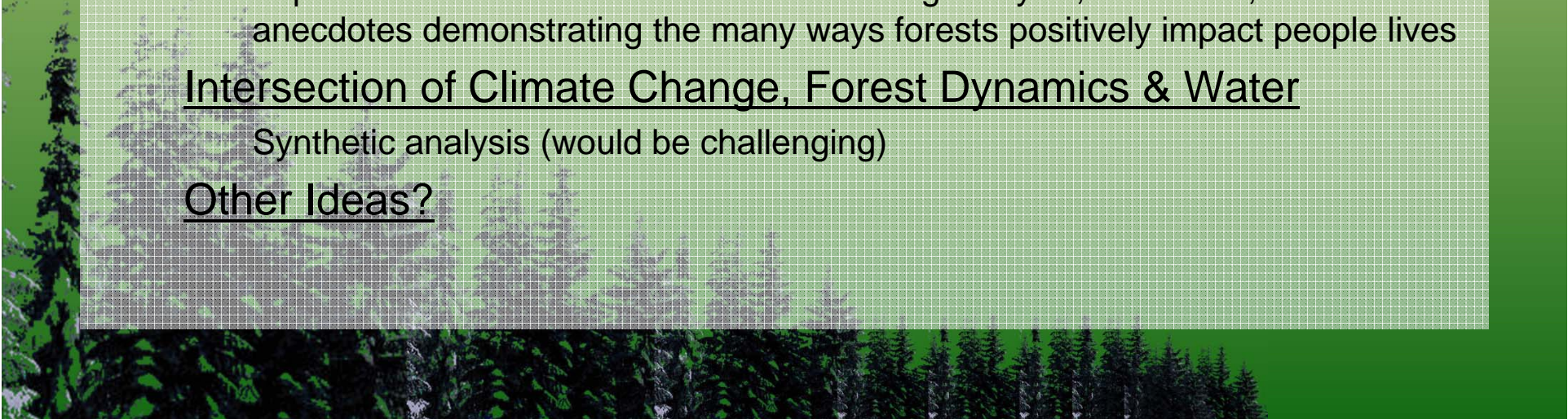
Importance of Forests to People

Expanded treatment of indicator 44 including analysis, narratives, and/or anecdotes demonstrating the many ways forests positively impact people lives

Intersection of Climate Change, Forest Dynamics & Water

Synthetic analysis (would be challenging)

Other Ideas?



Approaches to Part I

Regional Focus

Side-by-Side Display of Key Statics for Major Regions

Likely RPA regions (there are 4). The aim would be to provide a clear display of consistent data measures comparable across all regions

And...

Region-Specific Write-Ups

- Standard statistical dashboard for each region
- Followed by synthetic analysis, key stats and additional information to address conditions, issues and challenges specific to each region

Approaches to Part I

Solicited Content

Collection of essays solicited from various authors representing diverse perspectives and backgrounds. Open-ended format addressing forest “sustainability” as authors see fit.

Could be published as part of main report or as stand-alone pub

- + Would maximize diversity and provide depth to concept of forest sustainability (not just another FS report)
- Needs formal selection and review process, contracting arrangements and publishing authority

Approaches to Part I

Determining Key Findings

RSF Determines Key Findings for Inclusion in Summary Sections of Report, Executive Summary and Outreach Materials

! Need to insure democratic process

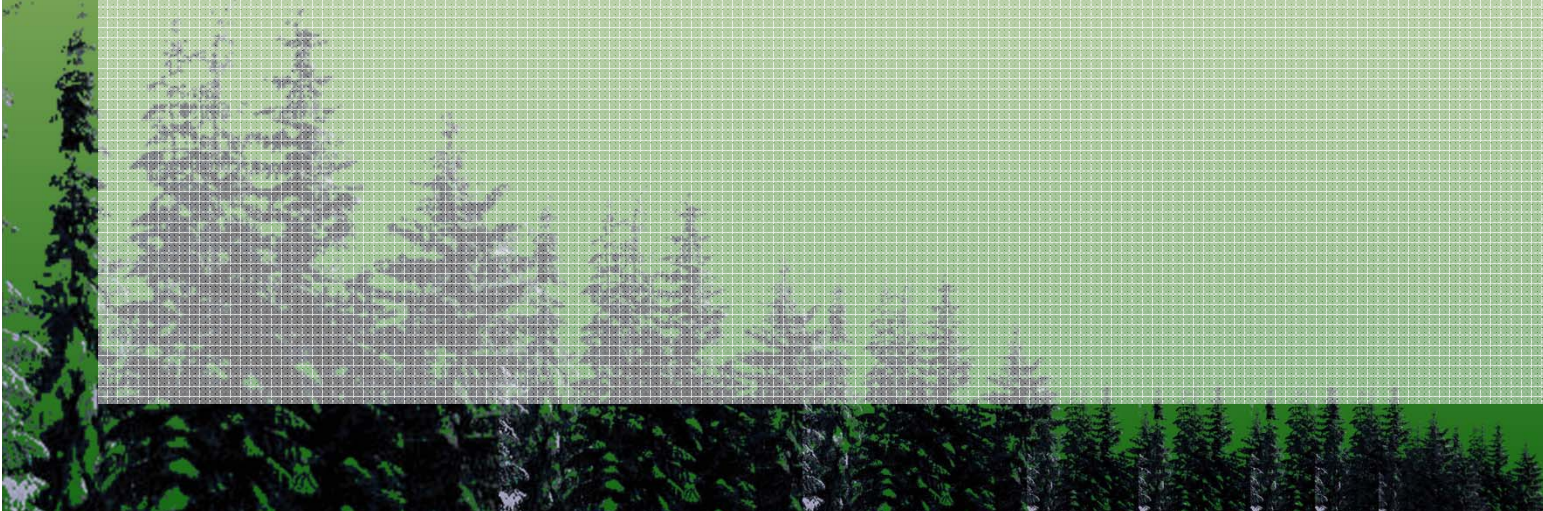
+ Helps fulfill RSF role in providing interpretation

- May confuse FS and RSF roles and also the public regarding who is the messenger
- Not sure how clearance process would work

Approaches to Part I

Other Ideas?

Got other ideas? We'd love to hear them. Honest.



Approaches to Part I

Caveats

- Plans for Part I need to be commensurate with FS and RSF capacity for the project.
- Part I needs to fit in the approximate 50 page range
- As with the indicators, data availability will determine our ability to address specific topics or regions
- More ambitious approaches (e.g. solicited essays) will need timely decisions and planning and will require process adjustments by FS

Key Decisions for Roundtable

RSF engagement in reviewing the Report

The 2010 Report benefitted greatly from RSF engagement in the review process

- Multiple RSF meetings held prior to the review draft
- 3 review workshops (held in GA, CO, and DC)
- Solicited and unsolicited comment facilitated through the RSF mailing list

We need to start planning for 2015:

- On site RSF meetings to review the document?
- Webinars and similar electronic outreach?
- Solicited comment?

What role will RSF Communications and Outreach Work Group (COWG) play in this?

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Associated RSF activities and contributions

Using the 2015 Report as a springboard, the RSF could advance forest sustainability in the United States in numerous ways. Imagination and available time/commitment on the part of RSF members is the biggest limiting factor.

Possibilities include:

1. Stand-alone companion reports assessing sustainability and published by the FS
2. Webinars, YouTube videos, social media, etc.
3. Other ideas?

And Finally...

We are gearing up to produce the National Report on Sustainable Forests—2015, and we need help from the RSF. Specifically, we are looking for input on:

1. Structure and content of Part I (topics, regions, solicited essays, determining key findings and/or other)
2. RSF review and associated activities
3. Other ways in which the RSF can contribute to the project or use the Report to further the broader goal of sustaining forests

A bald eagle is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, flying over a forest. The background is a blurred view of trees and foliage, suggesting a natural, wooded environment. The eagle's white head and neck contrast with its dark feathers. The overall scene is dynamic and captures the bird in its natural habitat.

**The National Report on Sustainable
Forests can be found at:
www.fs.fed.us/research/sustain/**

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