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SILVICULTURE WORKING GROUP REPORT

MISSION

1. The overall mission of the Silviculture Working Group is to develop and disseminate knowledge and technology on silvicultural practices in tropical and temperate forest ecosystem throughout North America. Cooperation among member countries in promoting silviculture is critical to maintain diverse, healthy forests for ensuring a continued supply of needed goods and services.

Activities update: 2008-2010

2. Based on discussions during the 2008 Integrated Working Group Meeting in Ballston, VA, the Silviculture Working Group agreed to develop a proposal to implement the forest sector competitiveness and diversification of forest products project. The goal of the project is to support the NAFC by fostering competitiveness and diversification in the forest sector by examining:

- 1) the role of forests in the value chain
- 2) the optimization of fibre value in global markets and
- 3) interdisciplinary research, especially through collaboration among long-term forest research sites throughout the region.

The proposal was initiated during the 2009 annual meeting of the Silviculture WG which was hosted by the Canadian Forest Service at the Pacific Forestry Center, Victoria BC, from May 5-8. Silviculture WG participants at the meeting included Al Mitchell, Past chair (Canada), Martin Mendoza (MX), Margaret Devall (USA) and Mary Ann Fajvan (USA). Subsequent, conference calls have been held over a 6 month period to refine the proposal. The proposal was submitted to the BOA in October 2009.

Achievements

Proposal development May 2009-February 2010

3. The WG decided that the mission of the project would be to develop an integrated forest management approach to foster the competitiveness of the NA forest sector by considering the influences of ecological, economic and climatic dynamics on the living forest at the upstream end

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of the value chain. Including the forest in the value chain allows for consideration of optimizing fibre value from markets through products and then back to the source of the raw material. Such an approach would also promote partnerships and collaboration with other NAFC working groups as well as with representatives from other public and private organizations. One of the activities originally proposed by the integrated WG was to conduct a workshop in 2010. The Silviculture WG developed a proposal to conduct a workshop where facilitated discussions would be used to examine opportunities for developing an integrated approach to management activities within and between the 3 countries. Funding for the workshop is being provided by NAFC.

Workshop Description

Title: Adding Value to North American Forests

Date and Location: October 30, 2010, 8:45 am to 4:30 pm Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the Society of American Foresters National Convention, October 27-31, 2010 (<http://www.safnet.org/natcon10/index.cfm>)

Workshop format: A one-day interactive workshop with a Keynote address and two thematic sessions each comprising two invited presentations followed by round table sessions involving the participants to facilitate gap analysis. Participation will be limited to 60 people.

Keynote address: Forest ownership patterns and the issues confronting forest managers differ greatly among Canada, Mexico and the USA. The keynote address will set the stage for a focus on the integrated management of the working forests in North America.

Thematic Sessions:

A. Economics

Economic considerations in NA forest management for increased value.

- Wood fibre production and utilization in the context of forest value chain optimization.
- Forest wealth and socioeconomic priorities, trade-offs, emerging value streams and synergies.

B. Tools and Techniques

Technical considerations in NA forest management for enhanced fibre volume and value.

- New technologies for fibre quality assessment.
- Risk assessment, forest management challenges and disturbance.

Deliverables:

- A. Synthesis - report of Workshop proceedings.
- B. Web Site - collating workshop presentations, abstracts and speakers notes.
- C. CD – recorded invited presentations.

Future Directions

May-June 2010 – Invitations and discussions with potential speakers for Workshop.

June-September 2010 – Contact all participants via email registered for the workshop and provide some background reading material before the convention.

October 30, 2010 – Adding Value to North American Forests Workshop.

October 30, 2010 – Annual meeting of the Silviculture WG, Albuquerque NM (4:30 - ?)

November 2010 to April 2011 - Synthesis of workshop findings; publication and outreach of the synthesis.