

Notes- Forest Stewardship Meeting October 7, 2009

Locations on Video Conference

Carson City
Winnemucca
Elko
Ely
Las Vegas

We had 25 people participate in the meeting- Thanks to everyone who participated.

Introductions was done with all the sites

Dee Sessions from the U.S. Forest Service gave a 10 minute presentation on perspectives from the U.S. Forest Service. Highlights are:

- 1) Would like to see more private land owners participate- Thought it was great that at least one was there. He stated that the ultimate goal is to have private land owners run this meeting, similar to how Montana and Idaho do it
- 2) Dee talked about funding and how part of Stewardship funding it taken off for competitive grants and that Nevada has competed very well the past 2 years
- 3) Purpose of the Stewardship Program that it is to assist private landowners with to help maintain their forested lands

Rich Harvey-Deputy State Forester gave an update regarding the MOU between NDF and NRCS. The MOU allows NDF to write plans that can be brought to NRCS for possible cost share dollars

John Watermolen discussed the Stewardship Program and the State Assessment:

NDF has been monitoring sites of previous cost share projects- 9 last year and the projects are looking good and the land is taking well to the treatments

NDF has a small amount of cost share dollars to spend by next August. NRCS has a lot more cost share dollars to allocate

Discussed GIS based projects NDF is implementing to assist the Forest Stewardship Program

Discussed the State Forest Resource Assessment- Making good progress and working on strategies for topics. There was discussion on how the assessment would be used by NDF. Funding for projects would be limited to high priority areas. There were requests to view the report and have the GIS data made available. Participants inquired about adding comments for the report. NDF is open to receiving comments any time on the report and also stated that if there are many concerns in a area that is green (low), NDF will look more into what the concerns are and what data maybe available to address the concerns. NDF has a draft copy of the report and a poster and page size map on the state FTP site. Here is how to access the report and maps:

<ftp://ftp.anonymous.state.nv.us/NDF>

user is [ftp.anonymous](ftp://ftp.anonymous.org)
password is stateftp

If participants would like the GIS data, please contact John so he can burn a disk or place on the FTP site. John is going to try to add some attributes to the composite layer so people would be able to query the data to see what layers overlapped at any point

John Watermolen discussed the Forest Legacy Program:

- Talked about the Bowers Mansion Project and funding

- Discussed the 3 projects being submitted for Federal Fiscal year 2011

- Let participants know that NDF is accepting applications for projects until February 28, 2010. A project briefing along with ranking instructions will be posted on NDF's website in March and at the April Stewardship Committee meeting, the projects will be ranked for the states priorities

- If projects have been submitted, but don't make the national ranking, all the sponsor has to do is to let John know and he will add them to the next year projects.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

The next meeting will be scheduled for sometime in April.