



Forest Management Certification Review

Patapsco State Park

November 26, 2013

ATTENDANCE: Kips Powers, Kenneth Jolly, Steve Koehn, Mike Schofield, Skip Jones (Parker Forestry Services), George Eberling, Wade Dorsey, Mark Beals, Jack Perdue

AGENDA

1. 2013 Audit Reports

a. Western Maryland Roads (SFI)

Work is being done with Linda Mott (DNR Engineering & Construction) regarding the MDE permits for the Lostland Run roads project at Potomac Garrett State Forest. We have recently learned that we do not have to take all the data we thought necessary. Also, with meeting with MDE on this project, Linda has stated that MDE would like to consider a MOU with DNR that would allow these projects to move more smoothly through the permit system. This certainly is good news and what we hoped, at some point, would be the outcome.

- Jack will follow up with Linda and MDE on the MOU option
- Jack will be drafting the timeline and decision tree for these kinds of roads projects to document the process so that the Department may be better able to predict the timeframe for similar projects.

b. Sound Silviculture (SFI)

It is John Denning's proposition that the current forest inventory on Potomac Garrett State Forest indicates that we are not as in the arrears on our forest management silvicultural thinnings as we have thought. This is more a Garrett County state forest issue than one that involves Green Ridge State Forest since GRSF is on an area regulation rotation (100 year rotation at about 200 acres/yr) rather than a volume regulation silvicultural system.

The forest managers will be analyzing their forest inventory data (collected to date) and will prepare a report of their findings of the what our forest stand improvement levels are on each forest and what our actions will need to be to manage these forests appropriately.

These reports from the western Maryland state forest managers will be due by February 1, 2014.

Mark Beals (GRSF) will send the GRSF inventory data to Alex Clark so it can be run through the Woodstock modeling application.

Jack will be meeting with Wade Dorsey to review the outputs from Silvah-Oak.

c. Treatment of Overstocked Stands (SFI)

Response is similar to 1b above.

d. Road Maintenance Permits (FSC)

Response is similar to 1a above.

e. Silvicultural Audits (FSC)

After reviewing the Internal Silvicultural Audit process, it has been decided that this will be an effort by a small group including the Environmental Specialist, Regional Forester, State Forest staff and attendance will be by invitation to the ID Team will be optional.

2. SFI and FSC standards review

a. Review Conformance Matrix & Summary

The Forest Stewardship Council conformance matrix is being reexamined and updated. The document was made available to the state forest managers and they have been asked to make edits according to their knowledge and activities.

Some of the matrices will require information from other agencies and they will be contacted for their input. One example, is the mineral rights ownership map. This effort has been started and the status is unsure.

Rob Feldt will contact DNR Land Acquisition & Planning to learn the status of the mineral rights maps

3. Other discussions

a. Social Impacts

Jack will be preparing a white paper on the social impacts of the forest management on Maryland state forests. Steve Koehn offered an information source, Mary Tyrell of Yale University.

Jack will contact Mary Tyrell

4. Audit Dates
 - a. Week of April 7, 2014