

Information Management Actions
Progress Report

1. Strategy: Develop and share information, expertise and resources for management in Minnesota.

| Responsible Party | Action | Specific Task | Timeline | Status | Comments |
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| Counties | 1.1 Improve forest inventory and forest management analysis capabilities. | 1.1.1 Estimate future timber yields and management costs for alternative silvicultural treatment options for specific forest stand types in Minnesota. | <i>April 2008: Initial estimates for statewide application.</i> | | |
| | | 1.1.2 Develop statewide timber supply analysis using the most recent FIA inventory to analyze sustainable timber harvest levels. | <i>November 2008: Draft of analysis.</i> | | |
| | | 1.1.3 Develop analyses for specific county ownership(s) using the best available site-specific inventory information. | <i>November 2008: Draft of work plan for one county; June 2009, Analysis complete for one county; Fall 2009, conduct workshop sharing results of county analysis.</i> | | |
| | | 1.1.4 Provide workshops for presenting and discussing results of IIC analyses as well as results of similar analyses by major Minnesota landowners. | <i>April 2008, workshop focused on Action Steps 1 & 2; December 2008, workshop on results of statewide analysis.</i> | | |
| | 1.2 Improve the knowledge base through a statewide research and demonstration program. Increase research and create demonstration areas emphasizing new silvicultural systems designed to increase timber productivity, bio-fuel production and address regeneration issues in certain forest types while protecting the environment. | 1.2.1 Find volunteers to "sponsor" or "adopt" one to two research or demonstration sites. | <i>Ongoing (maintenance, access, marketing).</i> | | |

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| DNR – Minnesota Department of Natural Resources | 1.3 Re-invigorate and strengthen the Minnesota Interagency Information Cooperative. | 1.3.1 Support supplemental budget request of \$250,000 in funding for the Minnesota IIC. | <i>Final approval of budget request by Governor.</i> | | |
| | | 1.3.2 Establish support for IIC in the Legislature. | <i>Establish list of supporting interests by 11/07.</i> | | |
| | 1.4 Improve forest inventory and forest management analysis capabilities. | 1.4.1 Facilitate coordinated and focused re-inventory efforts and updating processes across county and state lands. | <i>March 2008: Funding strategy developed for re-inventory of county lands; common inventory standards identified by June 2008; procedure/technology/cost effective practices workshop by June 2008; ongoing inventory coordination process in place June 2008.</i> | | |
| | | 1.4.2 Estimate future timber yields and management costs for alternative silvicultural treatment options for specific forest stand types in Minnesota. | <i>April 2008: Initial estimates for statewide application.</i> | | |
| | | 1.4.3 Develop statewide timber supply analysis using the most recent FIA inventory to analyze sustainable timber harvest levels. | <i>November 2008: Draft of analysis.</i> | | |
| | 1.5 Improve the knowledge base through a statewide research and demonstration program. Increase research and create demonstration areas emphasizing new silvicultural systems designed to increase timber productivity, bio-fuel production and address regeneration issues in certain forest types while protecting the environment. | 1.5.1 Find volunteers to "sponsor" or "adopt" one to two research or demonstration sites. | <i>Ongoing (maintenance, access, marketing).</i> | | |

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| IIC | 1.6 Improve forest inventory and forest management analysis capabilities. | 1.6.1 Facilitate coordinated and focused re-inventory efforts and updating processes across county and state lands. | <i>March 2008: Funding strategy developed for re-inventory of county lands; common inventory standards identified by June 2008; procedure/technology/cost effective practices workshop by June 2008; ongoing inventory coordination process in place June 2008.</i> | | |
| | | 1.6.2 Estimate future timber yields and management costs for alternative silvicultural treatment options for specific forest stand types in Minnesota. | <i>April 2008: Initial estimates for statewide application.</i> | | |
| | | 1.6.3 Develop statewide timber supply analysis using the most recent FIA inventory to analyze sustainable timber harvest levels. | <i>November 2008: Draft of analysis.</i> | | |
| | | 1.6.4 Develop analyses for specific county ownership(s) using the best available site-specific inventory information. | <i>November 2008: Draft of work plan for one county; June 2009, Analysis complete for one county; Fall 2009, conduct workshop sharing results of county analysis.</i> | | |
| | | 1.6.5 Using combined site-specific inventory information and results/growth projections, develop analyses to help identify forest management strategies that improve important spatial characteristics of the landscape for wildlife while also providing timber for Minnesota's forest industries. Integrate efforts aimed at develop new site-specific silvicultural treatment options. | <i>December 2008: Draft work plan for one MFRC Landscape Region; June 2009, complete analysis for one Landscape Region; September 2009, conduct workshop to share results of landscape analysis.</i> | | |
| | | 1.6.6 Provide workshops for presenting and discussing results of IIC analyses as well as results of similar analyses by major Minnesota landowners. | <i>April 2008, workshop focused on Action Steps 1 & 2; December 2008, workshop on results of statewide analysis.</i> | | |
| | | 1.7 Improve the knowledge base through a statewide | 1.7.1 Create web based clearing house of current research and demonstration areas. | <i>December 2008, IIC organize task group planning meeting January-February 2008.</i> | |

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| <p>MFI – Minnesota Forest Industries</p> | <p>1.8 Improve the knowledge base through a statewide research and demonstration program. Increase research and create demonstration areas emphasizing new silvicultural systems designed to increase timber productivity, bio-fuel production and address regeneration issues in certain forest types while protecting the environment.</p> | <p>1.8.1 Find volunteers to "sponsor" or "adopt" one to two research or demonstration sites.</p> | <p><i>Ongoing (maintenance, access, marketing).</i></p> | | |
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| MFRC – Minnesota Forest Resources Council | 1.9 Re-invigorate and strengthen the Minnesota Interagency Information Cooperative. | 1.9.1 Support supplemental budget request of \$250,000 in funding for the Minnesota IIC. | <i>Final approval of budget request by Governor.</i> | | |
| | | 1.9.2 Establish support for IIC in the Legislature. | <i>Establish list of supporting interests by 11/07.</i> | | |
| | | 1.9.3 Create advisory panel for IIC to help provide structure, support and establish priorities. | <i>Pursue third party certification; promote use of certified loggers; implement tracking mechanisms to monitor certification; provide training to foresters/service providers about opportunities for certification; provide incentives and/or benefits to private landowners participating in certification program.</i> | | |
| | 1.10 Improve forest inventory and forest management analysis capabilities. | 1.10.1 Facilitate coordinated and focused re-inventory efforts and updating processes across county and state lands. | <i>March 2008: Funding strategy developed for re-inventory of county lands; common inventory standards identified by June 2008; procedure/technology/cost effective practices workshop by June 2008; ongoing inventory coordination process in place June 2008.</i> | | |
| | | 1.10.2 Develop statewide timber supply analysis using the most recent FIA inventory to analyze sustainable timber harvest levels. | <i>November 2008: Draft of analysis.</i> | | |
| | | 1.10.3 Provide workshops for presenting and discussing results of IIC analyses as well as results of similar analyses by major Minnesota landowners. | <i>April 2008, workshop focused on Action Steps 1 & 2; December 2008, workshop on results of statewide analysis.</i> | | |
| | 1.11 Improve the knowledge base through a statewide research and demonstration program. Increase research and create demonstration areas emphasizing new | 1.11.1 Create web based clearing house of current research and demonstration areas. | <i>December 2008, IIC organize task group planning meeting January-February 2008. IIC and UM Extension create website/template cataloging existing research and demonstration sites.</i> | | |
| | | 1.11.2 Use clearinghouse to identify gaps and potential needs for further | <i>January-February 2009: IIC holds task group meeting after</i> | | |

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| MFRP IIC Advisory Panel - Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership | 1.12 Re-invigorate and strengthen the Minnesota Interagency Information Cooperative. | 1.12.1 Create advisory panel for IIC to help provide structure, support and establish priorities. | <i>Pursue third party certification; promote use of certified loggers; implement tracking mechanisms to monitor certification; provide training to foresters/service providers about opportunities for certification; provide incentives and/or benefits to private landowners participating in certification program.</i> | | |
| | 1.13 Improve forest inventory and forest management analysis capabilities. | 1.13.1 Facilitate coordinated and focused re-inventory efforts and updating processes across county and state lands. | <i>March 2008: Funding strategy developed for re-inventory of county lands; common inventory standards identified by June 2008; procedure/technology/cost effective practices workshop by June 2008; ongoing inventory coordination process in place June 2008.</i> | | |
| | | 1.13.2 Develop statewide timber supply analysis using the most recent FIA inventory to analyze sustainable timber harvest levels. | <i>November 2008: Draft of analysis.</i> | | |
| | | 1.13.3 Develop analyses for specific county ownership(s) using the best available site-specific inventory information. | <i>November 2008: Draft of work plan for one county; June 2009, Analysis complete for one county; Fall 2009, conduct workshop sharing results of county analysis.</i> | | |
| | | 1.13.4 Using combined site-specific inventory information and results/growth projections, develop analyses to help identify forest management strategies that improve important spatial characteristics of the landscape for wildlife while also providing timber for Minnesota's forest industries. Integrate efforts aimed at develop new site-specific silvicultural treatment options. | <i>December 2008: Draft work plan for one MFRC Landscape Region; June 2009, complete analysis for one Landscape Region; September 2009, conduct workshop to share results of landscape analysis.</i> | | |
| 1.13.5 Provide workshops for presenting and discussing results of | <i>April 2008, workshop focused on Action Steps 1 & 2;</i> | | | | |

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| USFS - United States Forest Service | 1.14 Improve the knowledge base through a statewide research and demonstration program. Increase research and create demonstration areas emphasizing new silvicultural systems designed to increase timber productivity, bio-fuel production and address regeneration issues in certain forest types while protecting the environment. | 1.14.1 Find volunteers to "sponsor" or "adopt" one to two research or demonstration sites. | <i>Ongoing (maintenance, access, marketing).</i> | | |
| University of Minnesota | 1.15 Re-invigorate and strengthen the Minnesota Interagency Information Cooperative. | 1.15.1 Support supplemental budget request of \$250,000 in funding for the Minnesota IIC. | <i>Final approval of budget request by Governor.</i> | | |
| | | 1.15.2 Establish support for IIC in the Legislature. | <i>Establish list of supporting interests by 11/07.</i> | | |
| | 1.16 Improve the knowledge base through a statewide research and demonstration program. Increase research and create demonstration areas emphasizing new silvicultural systems designed to increase timber productivity, bio-fuel production and address regeneration issues in certain forest types while protecting the environment. | 1.16.1 Find volunteers to "sponsor" or "adopt" one to two research or demonstration sites. | <i>Ongoing (maintenance, access, marketing).</i> | | |
| | | 1.16.2 Develop sites to fill the gaps. (Silviculture experts to serve as advisers). | <i>2010: Develop signage for agencies/private landowners who volunteer a site.</i> | | |

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| University of Minnesota Extension Service | 1.17 Improve the knowledge base through a statewide research and demonstration program. Increase research and create demonstration areas emphasizing new silvicultural systems designed to increase timber productivity, bio-fuel production and address regeneration issues in certain forest types while protecting the environment. | 1.17.1 Create web based clearing house of current research and demonstration areas. | <i>December 2008, IIC organize task group planning meeting January-February 2008. IIC and UM Extension create website/template cataloging existing research and demonstration sites.</i> | | |
| | | 1.17.2 Use clearinghouse to identify gaps and potential needs for further research and demonstration sites. | <i>January-February 2009: IIC holds task group meeting after draft website completed to determine gaps; December 2009: research proposals to funding entities; IIC serve as clearinghouse to track progress in filling gaps; gaps filled, in concept. Implementation is to follow.</i> | | |

Acronyms:

FIA – Forest Inventory Assessment

IIC – Interagency Information Cooperative