

**Forestry Update
For
Washington Association of Conservation Districts
August 25, 2009**

I. NACD FORESTRY RESOURCES PLANNING GROUP

- A. The committee met in Lakewood CO on August 4-6. It was a joint meeting with the National Association of State Foresters. Meeting noted will be on the NACD forestry web site in the near future. <http://www.nacdnet.org/policy/naturalresources/forestry/>
- B. Meeting Highlights
 - 1. A Forest Stewardship discussion was led by Karl Dalla Rosa of the US Forest Service. It was noted that NACD policy does not mention this program. We pointed out the forest stewardship in WA state is hampered by the cutback in funding to DNR. (Key messages are attached.)
 - 2. Bruce Wight, new national forester for NRCS, said the Conservation Stewardship rule was just released and posted. Forestry is included. 10% of the program can be NIPF acreage but will be nationwide and will not be computing with agriculture, but will be a separate acreage pool.
 - 3. NACD HQ - Partnering with "American Forests – Global ReLeaf" regarding CD involvement. http://www.americanforests.org/global_releaf/
 - 4. Tour to several sites west of Denver (Loveland Pass, Winter Park, Dillon and others) looking at the havoc wrought by mountain pine beetle, a discussion of USFS beetle related research, how some landowners are reacting, and a wood pellet facility in Kemmerling.
- C. Miscellaneous
 - 1. Paul Ries, formerly from UT, is the new director of Cooperative Forestry, (Larry Payne's replacement).
 - 2. NACD forestry RPG priorities for 2009 were discussed. (Priority List is attached)
 - 3. Desk Guides for CDs for biomass and community are available on the NACD website at <http://www.nacdnet.org/policy/naturalresources/forestry/>

II. WACD FORESTRY COMMITTEE

- A. Reviewing issues and ideas submitted by districts to form a partial basis for a strategic plan; including training needs.
- B. Hope to have a draft strategic plan for the 2009 WACD Annual Meeting in Spokane.

III. RESOURCES AND WEBSITES (Districts are encouraged to get on these list serves and bookmark the websites.)

- A. WSU extension – good sources of information, training, webinars, etc. Get on their lists. Andy Perleberg on the east side - andyp@wsu.edu and Kevin Zobrist on the west side - kzobrist@wsu.edu
- B. Forestry Notes - NACD forestry RPG publication – available at <http://nacdn.net.org/news/publications/forestrynotes/>
- C. Urban Forestry – List serve "Tree Talk" from DNR's M. McNaughton – WATREETALK@LIST.SERV.WA.GOV
- D. Joint Forestry Team – website has example forestry plans from MT and MO. <http://jointforestryteam.org/>

- E. Western Forestry Leadership Coalition – state-federal forestry coordination in the western US.
<http://www.wflccenter.org/>

IV. MAPPING TOOLS

- A. Google maps - <http://maps.google.com/>
- B. Google earth - <http://earth.google.com/download-earth.html>
- C. NASA (“World Wind”) - <http://worldwind.arc.nasa.gov/>
- D. Dapple - <http://dapple.geosoft.com/>
- E. SkylineGlobe - <http://www.skylinesoft.com/SkylineGlobe/corporate/home/index.aspx?>

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