

MFC

November 12, 2019

Attendance: Gordy Sanders/Scott Kuehn – Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Bruce Rowland – Stimson Lumber Company, Roger Ziesak – DNRC Forestry Assistance, Peter Kolb/Cindy Peterson – MSU Extension Forestry, Jared Richardson - Weyerhaeuser, Tim McEntire, - MLA, Skyler Hoefler – Idaho Forest Group, Gary Ellingson – NW Management, Chuck Roady – Stoltze Land & Lumber, David Nikonow – NWTF

SIC Administrator: Julia Altemus

Chairman’s Welcome and Anti-Trust Statement: Gordy Sanders

June 18, 2019 Minutes: Chuck corrected Alan Crisman’s last name and suggested taking the word “to” out of the last sentence in the notes. Approved as corrected.

Annual SFI Conference Comments: Jared gave an update on the meeting in Virginia last week. The conference was focused on getting comments from SFI members. Send SFI Standard revision comments directly to Jason Metnik, or anything people want to comment on regarding the Standards should be sent to Jason. The comments will be condensed and synthesize for the next Standard revision. Jared wanted to know if the MFC wanted to provide comments or leave them up to the individual members? The first round of comments closes November 22, 2019 and then there will be a second round of comments next year. Comments can go to SFIcomments.org. There will be a Regional meeting in Boise on June 9, 2020. Whatever comments MFC members have, shoot them to Julia by November 20th and she will get them submitted.

SFI Standard Revision Update: Gordy sent an email to Gordy Mauw regarding logger-training stating the MFC wants to be involved. Gordy M is the lead on this topic. They will hold regional SIC and logger training meetings in the future. Gordy S wanted to know who wanted to be involved in the meetings. Tim McEntire, and Jared Richardson will help. Gordy S wanted to know if the MFC is ok with the Standard or do we want to advocate for changes. Jared said that we should highlight that the 100% certification for fiber sourcing is not attainable. Peter wanted to know if there is discussion about creating regional standards because each region is different. Gordy S said that SFI is a set of standards for the entire program and not broken down into regions. Gordy S wanted to know if Weyerhaeuser is involved in the “Elevate Small Lands Group Certification”. Jared said that WY is engaged in that issue. Peter is interested in being a part of this conversation. Roger and Skyler will help as well. Gordy S will let Gordy M know that we have specific people that want to be involved in the logger training program and the small lands certification. Gary said there maybe a Standard coming regarding inventory and calculating sustainable yield. Gary will help as needed. Peter suggested that landowners that

have a stewardship plan should be invited to be part of the small lands' certification conversation.

Educational Brochure: Gordy updated on the bird habitat brochure. Paul and Lorin Hicks are working on a draft and will reconvene the bird habitat group. Gordy will update Bryce Maxell as to progress on the brochure. Peter suggested the brochures need to connect forest management to the issue that is highlighted in the brochures.

Spring 2020 Training Program: Tim passed out a suggested ALP classes for 2020. Gordy wanted to know if MLA is thinking about reaching out to IDIQ and BAER teams, the procurement list and government agency people involved in the training next year? That seems to be a missing link. Tim is working to engage them early and encourage participation. Tim has done a lot of work with the New Technology for Steeper Slopes topic. Scott suggested the BMP for roads is a ½ day and then the road costs is a ½ day. Roger said that the basic BMP class should not be replaced with the BMP for roads and road costs. They should be separate classes as the audience will be different. Peter wanted to know how MFC could help MLA attract people to the road building class? Roger doesn't think there will be a problem. A suggestion is to make the class a requirement for those contractors involved in BAER work, etc. Tim also updated on the Logging Simulator. MLA took it to the Anaconda Job Corp during Forest Products Week. There were a couple participants that were very interested in logging work in the future. Good tool for cross-training employees as well. Bryan L is working on funding to purchase another simulator because there is a lot of demand across the state for the one MLA does have. Peter would like to get the simulator into a University silviculture forestry class but also into the landowner classes. DNRC is totally supportive and pledging \$6,000 towards the purchase of the next simulator. Peter will look to see if there is money in his budget to help with the purchase as well.

Proposed 2020 Training Program:

Advanced SFI – April 17 Lubrecht, April 24 Kalispell

Forest Stewardship Workshop – April 14-16 Lubrecht

SMZ/BMP – May 4 Libby, May 5 Kalispell, May 6 Missoula, May 7 Bozeman

SMZ/BMP for Road Builders – May 14 Missoula

New Tech for Handling Steeper Slopes – March 20 Missoula

Summit Attachments – Grapple Yarding and Winch Assist

Ponsee – CTL winch assisted

Titan Machinery – Tigercat

Weyerhaeuser – Gary Romine, What's working for them?

Weeds and Tree Diseases

Focus on Tussock Moth

Spraying contractor to speak about timing for agency contracts

Managing for Wildlife

RMEF

NWTF

Agency Contracts – Either understanding true road costs or the small things that can get you in trouble, possibly both if time allow.

Project Learning Tree/SFI: Cindy Peterson-\$9000 from DNRC (State and Pvt), \$1000 from FS for guides, \$8500 grant request in to SFI for 2 people to travel to annual conference, facilitator training for Project Wet, Project Wild and PLT (combined workshop). Working on Spring training for Environmental Education teachers with workshop ties to Tree Farm. Facilitator training in Billings, Kalispell and couple other locations which includes involvement with Audubon and Tree Farm-had one very effective session on Clint Carlson’s Tree Farm and one tree farm in West Glacier led by Holly McKenzie-had 70 kids attend with PLT stations. Also working on Early Childhood/Preschool training with FS in Helena which they do each year. Gordy asked how information is shared with the public on ongoing activities of PLT and whether they use social media ie-Facebook, Instagram, etc. or website. Most is on website but, would look into social media. Three stewardship workshops planned-Frenchtown, Helena and one more location. Peter and Cindy visit about training location sites and work on identifying landowner training in conjunction with large landscape projects such as Capitol 360.

MFC Financial Report: Tim-Financial report looks good-no concerns at this point about resources to continue funding MFC at the current level. Funding for Bird Habitat Management Brochure has been set aside to cover cost when final next year.

Member and Partner Updates: Peter-Mini College 3/14/20 focusing on “Forest Regeneration” involving State Nursery. Natural Resource Youth Camp 3rd week of July. Pile burning workshop next week-developing curriculum that FVCC can use. Master Stewardship Workshops-White Sulphur, Kalispell, Lubrecht-focusing on Tree Selection. MFOA board meeting in Bozeman Dec. 5/6.-Deb Foley is now President. David Nikonow-NWTF has new NRCS funded position in Bozeman working on Targeted Implementation Projects. Also, very involved with Bitterroot NF working with strike team and helping new biologist on the Westside Landscape Project. Skyler-IFG-Chain of Custody Audit in June. Tim-MLA-working on leadership development effort for logging contractor succession/business-will host in 3 cities. Jared-Weyerhaeuser-Internal audit Sept ’19, minor OFI on policy consistency and notable practice for using State BMP audit form. Will have External audits next August. Jared-Tree Farm-annual meeting was Oct 5th in C.Falls-100 in attendance for this 75th anniversary of Tree Farm. Chuck-Stoltze-Audit was Oct ’19-all Ok and received a notable practice. Hired new forester Matt Bishop. Involved in Gov. Grizzly Bear Group working through delisting discussions-public meetings. Gary Ellingson-Forestry Forum Feb. 5 - 7 2020 in Couer d’ Alene. Roger-DNRC-Starting the BMP auditing cycle for 2020. Forest practices-no takeovers, 1 significant SMZ violation settled, several warnings for FS, MHRA self-reported and a State permit. Encouraged with the self-reporting efforts by folks that knew there was an issue. Bruce-Stimson-acquired 28,000 acres in Libby-will have a Conservation Easement and will do HCP with USFWS. Closed on another 22,000 acres this year. Looking for

2 interns to hire. Pyramid-Audit Oct. '19 no non-conformances or notables, minor OFI for internal policy consistency.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2020 RDO 9:30-Noon