

MFC

June 18, 2019

Attendance: Gordy Sanders/Scott Kuehn – Pyramid Mnt Lumber, Bruce Rowland - Stimson, Jared Richardson - Weyerhaeuser, Bryan Lorengo/Coleen Michael/Tim McEntire - MLA, Skyler Hoefler - IFG, Paul McKenzie – FH Stoltze, Roger Ziesak – DNRC

SIC Administrator: Julia Altemus

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

February 12, 2019 Minutes: Scott made a motion to approve and Bruce made a motion to second. Minutes were approved as presented

SFI Regional SFI meeting-Northern Region: Jared attended the regional meeting in CDA, ID. Strong representation of Idaho companies attending. CA/WA/MT also attended. Gordy Mouw and Jason Metnick were there. Jason made a presentation regarding an effort to re-brand and partner with other NGOs and non-traditional partners. Growing their footprint, leading up to the Standards revision in a couple years. New strategic direction is to break their program into different pillars or work streams. Current audits are to the to 2019-2020 Standards as the move forward to a rotation revision of standards every seven years. Shooting for one maybe two regional SIC meetings per year. Jared forwarded the presentation to Julia and she will send out to the Council. Gordy said the performance award is this summer. Peter Stegner asked to be added to the MFC mailing distribution list. Gordy suggested it would be good for MFC to be involved in the logger-training workshop this fall.

Educational Brochure: A lot of the data collection was completed last summer. Paul said there hasn't been a lot of work done over the winter, but will push hard now to get the brochure finished since Lorin Hicks is in the area for a few months. The outline needs to be turned in to a draft document that can be finalized.

Spring 2019 Training Recap: Tim said a lot of people went through first-aid and CPR. Highlight of the year was the log-scaling class. About 35 people attended the Tracking Costs workshop. ALP list increased by about 10 and the overall updated list will be available soon. Tim presented ideas for 2020 training season: wildlife (RMEF/NWTF/etc), road estimation for bid packages, technology, succession-planning, weeds and tree diseases, trucking issues. Roger said Amy Gannon is having a class in July this year regarding tree diseases. Roger will get more info and mail it out. Bryan said they did an online survey this year with such questions, as age, how long have worked in the industry, (younger people are entering the workforce as older workers are retiring), owners and succession planning, how were you trained for current job, how did they come into the logging industry, what

is level of education, what limits hiring new employees, are they happy with current compensation package. Bryan will do another survey next year with different questions if anyone has questions they would like to ask, let Bryan know.

Workshop Results:

First-Aid/CPR	1244	(18 workshops...11 statewide)
Wildfire	921	(16 workshops...9 statewide)
Advanced SFI	40	(2 workshops – Lubrecht & C Falls)
BMP/SMZ	161	(4 workshops – MSLA, Kal, Libby, Deer Lodge)
Log Scaling	75	(2 workshops – Evergreen & Deer Lodge)
AVENZA Maps	51	Kalispell
FSW for Loggers	21	Yellow Bay

Participant Update – June 17, 2019

310 Basic

106 Advanced

154 ALP (Preferred) (17 new ALP)

Project Learning Tree: No update available

MFC Financial Report: Coleen gave an update. Things are going okay. Cash commitments of \$23,750, \$11,250 in-kind with an additional estimate of \$18,000 in-kind from MSU Extension Forestry and DNRC. Cash expenses are \$20,378. Gordy is working on Clearwater Paper, PCA and Smart-Lam to join as well.

Hazard Reduction Agreement Forms/Fees: Mill Report - Roger presented the updated form. The form is simplified and the new fees will take affect July 1. For the mills, the new fees are for deliveries after July 1. There is a way to submit electronically. The letter is going out to all active mills that have reported to DNRC. The new HRA and SMZ responsibility agreement was revised as well. DNRC legal review believes the SMZ Law Responsible Party section is a legal transfer of authority and would like to have it filled out even if there is no water present on the land. The default is still to the landowner, so even if the block is not filled out the responsibility will fall to the landowner. Jared wanted to know if there should be a disclaimer explaining the default going to the landowner. Roger will take a look at this suggestion. Bruce suggested that probably don't need to have two places for a contractor to sign within the yellow box. Roger will look at it again.

Member Partner Updates: **Stimson**, surveillance audit this year and internal audit in June and external in August. Looking at new acquisitions and conservation licenses. Working on a CE on 28,000 acres in the Libby area with the Trust for Public Lands and FWP should be finalized by the end of the year. **Weyerhaeuser** has an internal audit in September, still migrating to one single certificate for fiber sourcing and forest management. **Tree Farm** has a field day on the Crisman Tree Farm June 28th. Fall meeting in the Flathead. Tree Farm will meet with Tom Watson at NRCS. U of Idaho is building a new athletic facility and wants to use sustainable products and looking at the SFI program. U of M is also building a forestry building

and would be an opportunity to source Montana timber. MWPA resource committee will take on the opportunity to work with the U of M College of Forestry. **Pyramid**, BLM has changed over to state regulations and will have a surveillance audit in October. **IFG** had their fiber-sourcing audit this month in two sites in Idaho. Audit went well. Also did a chain of custody audit in May due to new employees and getting familiar with the SFI program. 3 more sites in Idaho next year and then St. Regis will be the following year. **MLA** – has purchased a mobile logging simulator. It will be located at the office in Kalispell, but could be moved to other locations for educational purposes. First program is cut to length, next program will be whole-tree. **DNRC** – had 3 take overs in the last couple of months. Settled one SMZ violation with a warning letter. Currently have one SMZ investigation underway. **FH Stoltze** – annual scheduled for October. Trainings this year went really well.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2019. Julia will make sure the conference room is available.