

SAF National FIA User Group Meeting Agenda
Tues 1:00 - 5:00 and Wed 8:00-12:00 February 23rd-24th, 2009
Houston, TX

Purpose: To learn about recent FIA progress and to provide input for improvements and new directions.

Agenda for Afternoon of February 23rd :

- 1:00 – 1:05 Texas Welcome
Tom Boggus – Texas State Forester
- 1:05 – 1:10 Welcome to the user group meeting
John Moser – Representing SAF
- 1:10 – 1:30 Philosophy and recent history of user group meetings
Dave Heinzen – Minnesota DNR
- 1:30 – 2:00 FIA Business Report
Michael Wilson - FIA-RMRS
- 2:00 – 2:20 Have new biomass estimates in FIADB4 caused continuity problems?
Dave Struble – Maine Forest Service
- 2:20 – 3:00 Panel Discussion: Looking ahead for FIA – Reading the tea leaves
National Outlook – Rich Guldin – FIA-WO
- Panel Members:*
North, Dennis May – FIA-NRS
South, Bill Burkman – FIA-SRS
West, Michael Wilson – FIA-RMRS
PNW, Charley Peterson – FIA-PNW
- 3:00 – 3:30 Break
- 3:30 – 3:50 Issues related to remeasuring annual plots and mapped conditions
John Vissage – FIA
- 3:50 – 4:10 How do different states define protected areas and easements and the status of PAD (Protected Area Database)
Brad Smith and Andy Gray -FIA
- 4:10 – 4:30 Progress on achieving compatibility across all regions
Charley Peterson - FIA-PNW
- 4:30 – 5:00 Discussion based on audience concerns
Discussion Leader – Dave Heinzen
- 5:30 – 7:00 Reception (At the Doubletree, room TBA)

Agenda for Morning of February 24th:

- 8:00 – 8:20 Summary of Recent FIA SPA Review
Mike Clutter – University of Georgia
- 8:20 – 8:40 NASF recent resolutions about what FIA should provide

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- 8:40 – 9:00 Burl Carraway – Texas Forest Service
What's been done with stimulus funding
Charley Peterson - FIA-PNW
- 9:00 – 9:20 Resources for people who want to analyze FIA data
Bill Burkman -FIA
- 9:20 – 9:40 The many uses of FIA data
Paul Van Deusen – NCASI
- 9:40 - 10:10 Break
- 10:10 – 10:30 The CRM approach to biomass estimation, and next steps
Brad Smith – FIA-WO
- 10:30 – 10:50 How is FIA integrating new technological developments (e.g. remote
sensing technology)
Ken Brewer - FIA-WO
- 10:50 – 11:10 Opportunities for integrating new technology
Steve Prisley – Virginia Tech
- 11:10 – 11:25 FIA's TPO Strategic Vision: Where we've been and would like to go
Todd Morgan – University of Montana
- 11:25 – 11:45 Discussion based on audience concerns
Discussion leader – Mike Clutter
- 11:45 – 12:00 Summary of Action Items
Heinzen and Van Deusen

Biomass/Bioenergy Workshop
Weds 1:00 - 5:00 and Thurs 8:00-12:00 February 24th-25th, 2009
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Purpose: To discuss issues related to emerging concerns about uses of woody biomass for bioenergy and associated forest carbon issues.

Agenda for Afternoon of February 24th:

- 1:00 – 1:20 Information needs related to the sustainability of forest biomass resources.
Al Lucier – NCASI
- 1:20 – 1:40 Projecting supply and demand related to bioenergy (and potential data needs)
Peter Ince - USFS
- 1:40 – 2:00 BioSAT (Biomass Site Assessment Tool)
Tim Young – University of Tennessee
- 2:00 – 2:20 Methods for Computing Local Biomass Supply
Renate Bush and Todd Morgan – USFS
- 2:20 – 3:00 Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About TPO and Biomass
Todd Morgan, Tony Johnson, Chris Woodall - FIA
- 3:00 – 3:30 Break

- 3:30 – 3:50 Biomass Energy: A Weyerhaeuser Perspective on Opportunities and Challenges
Joanne Lenahan - Weyerhaeuser
- 3:50 – 4:10 Eucalyptus Bioenergy Plantations
John Johnson – Mead Westvaco
- 4:10 – 4:30 FIA data protocols to establish baseline carbon/biomass values for California
John Nickerson - Carbon Action Registry
- 4:30 – 4:45 Discussion based on audience concerns
Discussion Leader – Al Lucier

Agenda for Morning of February 25th:

- 8:00 – 8:20 How will FIA evolve to meet new demands
Rich Guldin - FIA-WO
- 8:20 – 8:40 A grand plan for carbon
Linda Heath - FIA
- 8:40 – 9:00 Using TPO and FIA Data to Determine Biomass Availability in South Carolina
Tim Adams - South Carolina Forestry Commission
- 9:00 – 9:20 Using TPO, EIA and other data/models for C and biomass reporting
Ken Skog - USFS
- 9:20 – 9:40 Biomass issues for wood transactions (green weight vs dry weight, etc)
John Paul McTague – Rayonier
- 9:40 – 10:10 Break

- 10:10 – 10:40 Issues related to recent changes in forest land ownership
Brett Butler (FIA) and a Committee member

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- 10:40 – 11:00 Biomass harvesting and forest site productivity
Eric Vance - NCASI
- 11:00 – 11:20 What are military bases doing?
Hal Balbach – US Army ERDC
- 11:20 – 11:35 Discussion based on audience concerns
Discussion Leader – Paul Van Deusen
- 11:35 – 12:00 Summary of Action Items
Linda Heath and Chris Woodall