

## 2013 FIA User Group Meeting: Agenda and Field Trip Overview

### Accommodations:

Nearest Airport – New Orleans International (MSY)  
Hotel – Le Pavillon, [www.lepavillon.com/](http://www.lepavillon.com/)  
Hotel Address – 833 Poydras Street  
Room Block Info: Mention SAF

### Meeting Overview:

#### 1-Pre-Meeting Field Trip to visit a pellet mill on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>:

7:30 AM – 1:00 PM:

A bus will take participants from the Hotel to Enviva Pellets, 81 Old Highway 49, Perkinston, MS. The field trip will include: A tour of the facility and discussion about supply and demand issues. There will also be discussion about how TPO samples similar mills. Box lunch provided.

#### 2-FIA User Group Meeting, 2:00 PM Wednesday – 5:00 PM Thursday

Reception on Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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### Pre-Meeting Documents to review:

Draft 2012 FIA Business Report

Draft 2013 Fifth FIA Strategic Plan

Status Reports:

TPO database and processing system

NIMS/FIADB 6.0

Estimating change by diameter classes

Update on annualization and remeasurement information by state

Please review these documents prior to attending the session. *The documents will be available on the meeting website at least 1 week before the meeting.*

### Registration:

There is no registration fee, but **please register** at the meeting website:

<http://www.ncasi2.org/downloads/BWG/neworleans/>

**SAF National FIA User Group Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday 2:00 – 5:00 and Thursday 8:00-5:00 March 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**New Orleans, LA**

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

**Agenda for Afternoon of March 13<sup>th</sup>:**

- 2:00 – 2:05 Welcome to the user group meeting  
Bill Burkman – SRS-FIA
- 2:05 – 2:10 Welcome from SAF  
Michael Goergen – SAF
- 2:10 – 2:15 Philosophy and recent history of user group meetings  
Paul Van Deusen – NCASI
- 2:15 – 2:45 A vision for FIA over the next five years  
Greg Reams – FIA-WO
- 2:45 – 3:30 Overview, approach, and summary of current draft of *2013 Fifth FIA Strategic Plan*  
Gretchen Nicholas – PNW-FIA
- 3:30 – 5:00 Question/answer session with FIA PMs and discussion based on audience concerns  
Discussion Leader – Burl Carraway
- 6:00 – 7:30 Reception

**Agenda for Thursday Morning, March 14<sup>th</sup>:**

- 8:00 – 8:10 Quick review of *2013 Fifth FIA Strategic Plan* approach and items to discuss in more detail  
Gretchen Nicholas – PNW-FIA
- 8:10 – 8:40 FIA plans for interior Alaska  
Andy Gray – PNW-FIA
- 8:40 – 9:10 FIA plans for urban inventories  
Dennis May – NRS-FIA
- 9:10 – 9:40 FIA approach to improve flexibility in the FIA Program  
Michael Wilson – RMRS-FIA
- 9:40 – 10:10 Break
- 10:10 – 11:00 Discussion of interior Alaska, urban inventory, and added flexibility approaches  
Discussion Leaders – Jim Alegria and Wayne Majuri  
Potential questions:  
Is the FIA sample design adequate for urban inventories?  
Are there opportunities to partner with other agencies?
- 11:00 – 12:00 Question and answer session on FIA Program updates: (participants should review the pre-meeting documents prior to this session)
- FIA business report – Brad Smith, WO-FIA

**Agenda for March 13th-14th, 2013 FIA User Group Meeting and Field Trip, New Orleans, LA**

- The status of NIMS and FIADB6.0 – Bill Burkman, NRS-FIA
- Estimating growth by diameter class – John Coulston, SRS-FIA
- When will all states be annual and have remeasurement data? – Mike Wilson, RMRS-FIA
- TPO progress – James Bentley, SRS-FIA

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (on your own)

**Agenda for Thursday Afternoon, March 14:**

1:00 – 1:30 Current Examples of FIA's Critical Roles in Forest Environmental and Sustainability Issues.

Alan Lucier - NCASI

1:30 – 1:55 How Industry uses FIA data?

Wayne Majuri – International Paper and John Paul McTague - Rayonier

1:55 – 2:20 Status of Biomass data collection and modeling effort

Jim Westfall – NRS-FIA and Bruce Borders – UGA

2:20 – 2:40 Break

2:40 – 3:50 Panel Discussion - Where can FIA statistics, use of other information, and data tools be improved?

Discussion Leader - John Paul McTague – Rayonier

- Analysis methods: Paul Van Deusen – NCASI
- Remote Sensing: Gretchen Moisen – RMRS-FIA
- Tools and databases: Chip Scott – NRS-FIA
- texasforestinfo.com: Burl Carraway – Texas FS

3:50 – 4:15 Using FIA data for land use change

John Coulston – SRS-FIA

4:15 – 4:40 Opportunities for FIA to partner with others: What does FIA need from users?

Greg Reams – WO-FIA

4:40 – 5:00 Summary of Action Items

Paul Van Deusen and Bill Burkman