

Proposed Agenda Draft 03-19-08

PLANNING WORKSHOP
TIMBER RECOVERY AND WOOD UTILIZATION RESPONSE TO WIND
EVENTS AND DISTURBANCES

April 15, 2008, Myrtle Beach, SC
Marriott Hotel at Grand Dunes

Goal: Provide discussion and input as to how the federal, state, and county governments; and the forestry and debris sectors can better prepare and respond to wind events and disturbances at multiple scales in the Eastern and Gulf Coast regions of the U.S. The workshop will be the basis for developing a disaster response plan and a comprehensive information system. The plan will contain recommendations on how the federal/state/local governments and the forestry/disaster debris sectors can better prepared and respond to wind events of different scales. The information system will be a web-based tool for readily and obtaining information easily and contacts. The information system will have a framework and template for states and local governments, and the forestry and debris handling industry to complete information that is more detailed.

Sponsors: Thanks to the many sponsors of the workshop and subsequent response tool:

- Department of Energy, Savannah River National Laboratory
- Federal Woody Biomass Working Group
- Mississippi State University
- National Association of Conservation Districts
- Forest Resources Association, Inc.
- National Association of RC&D Councils

Participants: Specific attendees will be invited as presenters and/or to represent the various entities that will be involved in developing the plan/system. All WBUG partners and signatory organizations on the current Disaster Response Plan are invited. All others are welcome on a first-come basis depending on space limitation of 40 people.

Registration: There is no registration fee – breaks and a working lunch will be provided.

Agenda:

- 8:00 am Welcome and Introductions
- John Stewart – Meeting Co-chair and Chair, Disaster Response Plan, WBUG, Department of the Interior
 - John Plodinec – Meeting Co-chair, Department of Energy, Savannah River National Laboratory

Opening Comments – John Ferrell, Chair, WBUG, Department of Energy
Meeting Goals, Objectives, and Processes

- Bryce Stokes, co-facilitator, U.S. Forest Service
- Jim Shepard, co-facilitator, Mississippi State University

Background and Status of Efforts – John Stewart

9:00 am

Federal and State Response Actions

- Overall Federal Response – FEMA (Plodinec)
- State reps (to be invited by Plodinec)
- Woody Debris Recovery – Allen Morse, US Army Corp of Eng
- Recovery Functions – Blake Velde, USDA
- EPA involvement is Disaster Debris Removal – Davy Simonson, EPA Region 4 and/or EPA rep from Region or Washington, DC (Herbert Frederickson TBD)

9:45 am

Break

10:00 am

Providing Response Guidance

Some History of Response:

- Wood Salvage Hugo Lessons– Mac Lupold, Lupold Consulting
- Logging Perspective – Ezell Castleberry, Castleberry Logging

Forestry Perspective – Bruce Alt, Mississippi Forestry Association

Southern State Foresters Response Plan – Mike Zupko or SGSF rep

F.S. Southern Region – Dan Olsen, Deputy Director, Fire, R-8

Ecological Aspects – maybe Allen Moore or NWTF (David Wilson, or other?)

11:30 am

Lunch (working)

Discussion on Presentations – Facilitated by Bryce Stokes

Proposed Draft Plan/System Outline – Jim Shepard

12:30 pm

Identifying, Highlighting, and Prioritizing Issues and Concerns: Round Robin or short breakout groups to review and provide feedback on “What Works” and “What Doesn’t Work”

1:30 pm

Breakout Groups

Group 1 - Developing the Plan – “What is Needed?”

Group 2 – Developing the Info System – “What is Needed?”

2:30 pm Group Reporting and Discussion

3:30 pm Developing a Pathway of Action

- Proposal by MSU/Contractor
- Information Sources
- Keeping Partners Involved
- Vetting and Developing Consensus
- Timelines and Responsibilities

5:00 pm Concluding Remarks – Meeting co-chairs

Appendix A

Partners

in support of the
PROPOSAL TIMBER RECOVERY AND WOOD UTILIZATION RESPONSE PLAN for
WIND EVENTS AND DISTURBANCES
in the Eastern and Gulf Coast Regions

Derek Vannice
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William Carlson
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USA Biomass Power Producers Alliance

Marcia Patton-Mallory
Biomass and Bioenergy Coordinator President
and CEO
USDA Forest Service

Adrian "Dusty" Miller
President
Menominee Tribal Enterprises

Dr. R. Scott Beasley
Dean, College of Forestry
Stephen F. Austin State University

Dr. Hal O. Liechty
Research Coordinator
University of Arkansas

Bill Jones
President
Alabama Forestry Association

Dr. Stephen S. Kelley
Department Head, Wood and Paper Science,
NC State University

Patricia Layton
Department Head,
Department of Forestry and Natural
Resources, Clemson University

APPENDIX B

Participating Agencies/Organizations Woody Biomass Utilization Group

U.S. Department of Agriculture

- Forest Service
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
- Office of Energy Policy and New Uses
- Rural Development

Commerce Department

Department of Defense

Department of Energy

- Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- Biomass Program

Environmental Protection Agency

Department of Interior

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- Office of Wildland Fire Coordination

Department of Homeland Security

Cooperating non-federal partners (divisions of State government, status to be determined)

- National Biomass State and Regional Partnerships
- National Association of Governors/Western Governors Association
- National Association of Counties
- National Association of Conservation Districts
- National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils
- National Association of State Foresters
- Western Forestry Leadership Coalition

Cooperating non-federal partners (Associations, Professional Societies, and Others)

- American Council on Renewable Energy
- American Forest Resource Council
- American Forest and Paper Association
- Biomass Power Producers Alliance
- Council of Energy Resource Tribes
- Forest Resources Association
- InterTribal Timber Council
- Society of American Foresters
- Southern Alliance for the Utilization of Biomass Resources
- 25x'25 Coalition
- US Combined Heat and Power Association

Appendix C

Federal Woody Biomass Utilization Group - Disaster Debris Team

John Stewart	US Dept of Interior (Fire/Biomass)
Danny Dructor	American Loggers Council
Keith Argow	National Woodlands Owners Assoc
Bill Jones	Alabama Forestry Assoc
Bryce Stokes	US Forest Service
Doug Williams	NACD; Consulting Foresters
Ed Gee	US Forest Service
Kip Howlett	National Assoc of State Foresters
Fred Deneke	NACD, 25x125 Coalition
Fred Wetzel	US Fish & Wildlife Service (fire/biomass)
John Vitello	Bureau of Indian Affairs (forestry/biomass)
Krysta Harden	NACD
Mike Kossey	USDA Rural Utility Service
Neil Ward	Forest Resources Assoc
Ociel Nava	Dept of Homeland Security
Donna Perla	EPA - Research & Development
Allen Morse	DoD - Army Corps of Engineers
Tom Vorac	DoD - US Army
Tim Gouger	DoD - Army Corps of Engineers
Cynthia Moses	Bureau of Land Management (NACD & NACo)
Jay Jensen	Western Forestry Leadership Coalition
Ron Bell	National Woodlands Owners Assoc
Mike Countess	Southern Group of State Foresters
Grant Sorensen	Bureau of Reclamation (D01)
Blake Velde	USDA (Disaster Response)
Mary Mulford	US Composting Council
Jim Perdue	US Forest Service
Mike Long	State Forester, Florida
Davy Simonson	EPA-Region 4

Jimmy Mordica	Deputy State Forester, Mississippi
Steve Yaddof	USFS-State and Private Forestry
Jane Hearn	Forest Landowners
John Greis	US Forest Service
Paul Schlegel	Farm Bureau - Public Policy Committee
Adam Jachimowicz	DoD - Army Corps of Engineers
Andy Gordon	NARC&DC
Kim Cochran	EPA Office of Solid Waste
Alex Dunn	Western Forestry Leadership Coalition
Jane Mergler	DoD - Army Corps of Engineers
Scott Jackson	DoD - Army Corps of Engineers
Steve Davis	US Forest Service Liaison to DoD