

**Joint Meeting of Forest Management and Climate & Energy Subcommittee
Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee**

Thursday, September 17, 2009

9:00 AM, Room 112, Capitol

Minutes

Present: Steve Betzler, Co-Chair, Bob Krepps, Co-Chair, Senator Charles W. Wiger, Representative Kent Eken, Mark Johnson, Gene Merriam, Joe Silko

Absent: Senator Ellen R. Anderson, Senator Kevin L. Dahle, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Representative Denise Dittrich, Representative Carlos Mariani

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Presentation on Forest Management Leasing

Dave Schuller, Lands Program Coordinator DNR-Forestry, presented on a state forest leasing pilot program the DNR is developing under direction from the legislature. A report to the legislature that details a plan for implementing the pilot project is due December 15, 2009. Committee discussion and questions followed.

Presentation on Timber Sales

Anna Dirkswager, Biomass Coordinator DNR, presented on the rationale for changing the way the state sells biomass. Ms. Dirkswager also presented on the results of a logger focus group which discussed ways in which the state can simplify the procurement and sale of biomass. Committee discussion and questions followed.

Video presentation on Forest Productivity Initiative

Steve Betzler, Chair of the Climate and Energy Subcommittee, presented a video to the subcommittee on a Forest Productivity Initiative by the Blandin Foundation. Committee discussion and questions followed.

Discussion of Next Steps and Future Subcommittee Meetings

The committee discussed meeting again in December when the full committee is expected to meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Bob Krepps, Co-Chair

Steve Betzler, Co-Chair