

North Shore Subsections SFRMP Meeting Notes
Two Harbors Area Office
March 24, 2005
10:30 am – 6:00 pm

Approved by Team 4-5-05

Present: Doug Rowlett, Tim Quincer, Martha Minchak, Craig Sterle, Doug Tillma, Lawson Gerdes, Bob Kirsch, and Gaylord Paulson.

1. Meeting Notes: Reviewed and approved the edit (below) to the March 7 meeting notes. Attached.

Tim recommended other items to consider in estimating access routes should include possible private land access conflicts and additional language on avoiding potential adverse resource impacts. A response from Jon on this recommendation in his e-mail reply on 3-4 stated that this is beyond what we are trying/able to do at the planning stage in SFRMP. In this step, we are estimating roughly where and how much of various types of accesses are needed to access selected stands. During the project implementation when the actual roads/routes are mapped out, private land conflicts and potential adverse impacts on resources should be considered in detail.

Tim recommended that FRIT should still review these considerations (3-24 edit).

Gaylord will e-mail this recommendation for FRIT review to Jon Nelson and Jeff Lightfoot.

2. Access Needs:

Recommended that the Forestry/Wildlife/Ecological Services Coordination Policy Work Group should include information on interdisciplinary involvement during the on-the-ground layout of access routes. **Tim and Doug T** will present this recommendation to the work group.

From Identifying New Access Needs in SFRMP:

Route layout should occur on-the-ground at the time of project implementation.

Interdisciplinary involvement in on-the-ground layout of access routes will be described in the Coordination Policy (currently being revised).

Access across other ownership lands:

How should land-locked state lands where the only access is across private land be handled in the access step? Typically when access is needed across private land, the timber sale permit states that it is the permittee's responsibility to obtain access.

Recording new access miles: Should only the distance across state land be recorded or include the distance across other ownerships, such as private, county, and USFS?

Gaylord thought it should include the new access distance across all ownerships and that

is what was done when the Cloquet Area recently completed the new access step. **Gaylord** will verify this and send out clarification.

Update on access needs step: Cloquet Area completed the step and the process went well and completed it in 2 days. Two Harbors will complete it by the end of April (*Doug R update on 3-25*). **Doug T** will check with Hibbing and Tower Areas regarding their status. Recommended completion date for submitting to Paul is April 15th.

Road Access Extension: The script that automatically codes post-use management (NA_Post Field) after the type of access is entered has errors. This was discovered when the Cloquet Area was completing their access needs step. **Paul** will correct the coding by a mass update after the Areas submit their completed *nltfim1d_accessprep* shapefile.

3. Stand Selection Status Report: Area work groups should complete their stand selection needed to meet their targets in the *nltfim1d_accessprep* shapefile and submit a copy of the shapefile to Paul. Cloquet submitted their shapefile to Paul. Two Harbors will make their changes (added 3 stands) and send a copy to Paul. **Doug T** will contact Tower (Bob) and Hibbing (Chuck) to have them complete their selections and submit shapefile to Paul. After Paul combines these shapefiles to update the stand selection step, Doug T will run new stand selection reports. The SFRMP team will review and determine where/if additional stand selections should be made.

4. Public Comments Responses Review: Team began to review the draft responses to public comments. Team members that had their responses reviewed (Tim, Lawson, and Craig) should edit the documents based on team input and send out to all team members. Team review will be continued at the next meeting. Team members should continue to complete their responses to their assigned topics and send out to all team members for review prior to the upcoming meeting(s).

5. Meeting Schedule: 1st day of meetings will begin at 10:30 and end at 6 pm.

April 5-6

April 13

April 19

April 27-28

6. Next Meeting: April 5-6 in Two Harbors.

Agenda: Public Comments Responses Review

Notes by gp/3-29-05