

North Shore Subsections SFRMP Meeting Notes
Two Harbors Area Office
September 8, 2004
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Present: Doug Rowlett, Craig Sterle, Lawson Gerdes, Doug Tillma, Tim Quincer, and Gaylord Paulson. (Bob and Martha were at a moose management meeting.)

Meeting Notes from 8/26 were reviewed and approved by the team. (*Attachment*)

Strategic Direction Document Status: Chapters 1-5 almost complete. Gaylord is working on the appendix and glossary, introduction to chapter 3, monitoring section, table of contents, etc. Goal is to have the document completed by the end of September.

- **Tim** will check with Gary Drotts regarding the status of the Wildlife Assessment Matrix and List of Wildlife Species (revised) documents. These documents will be included in the appendix if received in time.
- **Team members** should do a final review of Chapters 3 and 4 for any editing needs. Hard copy distributed at the meeting. Word documents will be sent out by e-mail. Let Gaylord know by Friday, Sep 17, of any recommended edits. Other portions will be sent out for the team to review when final edits are completed.
- Gaylord provided copies of Chapters 3 and 4, Appendix E – Field Visit Decision Tree, and Appendix J – Stand Management Objectives to team members for distribution to staff that will be involved in stand selection. **Gaylord** will send out hard copies to forestry and wildlife staff at the Hibbing, Eveleth, Tower, and Duluth offices and e-mail the Word documents to team members and staff involved in the stand selection process. In addition, the Word documents will be e-mailed to other Area, Region, and St. Paul staff so they can see what is included in these sections of the SFRMP plan prior to the public review. Questions should be directed to team members from the various disciplines.

Eco_Codes: **Doug T** will have Paul update the coding in the new FIM shapefile. E40 stands (natural area recommendations) should be in the stand selection pool. E50 stands (recommend for nomination as old growth) should not be included in the stand selection pool.

Old growth nominations: **Doug T** will compile and forward the list of nominations (E50 stands and stands included in file folder containing stand identification or legal description of nominated stands) to the appropriate Region contact as outlined in the Old Growth Forests Guideline and Amendments. Send copy to team members. Doug will also check to see if the E50 coding includes all the nominated stands. If not, the additional stands will be tagged so they are removed from the stand selection pool.

ERF/EILC CSA:FIM Comparison: Paul has sent to the Areas the shapefile for checking differences between stands designated as ERF and EILC that occurred during

the conversion from a CSA to a FIM-based shapefile. Areas will review and send the corrected shapefiles to Paul.

Stand Selection Directions: Team made final review of the 9-Year Stand Selection Project Direction document (attached).

Recommended Themes/Legends/Shapefiles for NS-SFRMP 9-Year Stand Selection Arcview Project: Team reviewed and edited document (Attached). Team members should check for assignments and other edits.

Estimated Timelines for the 9 –Year NS-SFRMP Stand Selection and Access Plan Project: Team reviewed and edited document. Gaylord will distribute when e-mailing plan documents to staff involved in the stand selection process and others.

New Road Access Step: There were still questions on whether or not all roads (not just new) and temporary access should be included and whether to roughly digitize new routes or not. The team requests that a clear step-by-step process be provided prior to further discussions on the topic. **Doug R** will send an e-mail to John, Jeff, and Lee to inform them of this need for clearer direction on the road access plan step.

Notes by gp, 9-14-04.