



## Forest Service Planning Rule: Virtual Fourth National Roundtable July 29-30, 2010 Instructions and Draft Agenda

The purposes of this, the Fourth National Roundtable, are to:

- Share the conceptual approaches and rationale behind what the Forest Service rule writing team is tentatively proposing for key elements of the rule;
- Explain how and why these approaches reflect the feedback provided during the Science Forum and public meetings;
- Hear from stakeholders whether any of the proposed approaches are unclear, what they like, and whether there are any fundamental concerns or major gaps; and
- Obtain input about how any concerns or gaps might be addressed.

The meeting will include an online discussion concurrent with the in-person deliberations.

### ONLINE ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS – Quick Reference

Online access to the Fourth National Roundtable will try to mirror the agenda for the in-person meeting. Three technologies will be used to share the Fourth National Roundtable Online: (1) Webcast video, (2) audio conference call (telephone), and (3) Livemeeting online meeting (internet).

#### WEBCAST:

The morning of the first day, including the opening statements, rule overview and Forest Service presentations on a series of topics, will be webcast.

WHEN: The webcast will run on **Thursday, July 29** from **8:00 am to 12:00 noon EDT**.

WHERE: The webcast will be available at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/video/live/>.

#### CONFERENCE CALL:

The conference call will provide audio access to presentations and discussion.

WHEN: Thursday afternoon and Friday morning (details are in the included agenda)

WHERE: Access the conference call portion by calling **(888) 566-6576**. The passcode for the call is **4082302#** (Note: These numbers are the same for Thursday and Friday).

#### LIVEMEETING:

Notes from the audio portion of the discussion will be displayed using LiveMeeting software. To join the LiveMeeting, participants will need to both access the online

site for the meeting and call in to a conference line. The Livemeeting will not provide audio.

WHEN: Thursday afternoon and Friday morning (details are in the included agenda)

WHERE:

Thursday: access to the online component of the meeting will be available here:

<https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW3482304&p=4082302&t=c>

Note: The link should automatically fill in the meeting conference number and audio passcode. As a reference, those numbers are:

Conference number: PW3482304

Audience passcode: 4082302

Friday: access to the online component of the meeting is available here:

<https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW3482379&p=4082302&t=c>

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## AGENDA – DAY ONE

**Technology:** Morning Session will be Web-Cast from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at <http://www.fs.fed.us/video/live/>.

- 8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration (During this time there will also be an optional orientation session for attendees who are new to the Roundtables.)
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and agenda review – Connie Lewis, Meridian Institute
- 8:40 a.m. Opening comments and vision for 2011 planning rule – Chief Tom Tidwell
- How this rule differs
  - Framework of the Rule
- 9:00 a.m. Overview of NFMA and the regulatory and legal framework for the 2011 planning rule
- (see link to “History of Forest Planning” on the Planning Rule website <http://fs.usda.gov/planningrule/> for some helpful background information)
- 9:10 a.m. Rule overview – Tony Tooke, Director of Ecosystem Management Coordination

- Outline of the rule and brief explanation of each section
- The roles of the rule, the preamble, and the directives
- Explanation of what we are covering at this meeting and why

9:30 a.m. Plenary presentation and Q&A: key elements in the draft rule – Forest Service

*For each of key elements, the Forest Service will share the conceptual approaches and rationale behind what the rule writing team is tentatively proposing. There will be Q&A following each presentation.*

- Collaboration and public involvement
- Monitoring

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Key elements presentation and Q&A *continued*

- Recreation and other multiple uses
- Plant and animal diversity
- Restoration and resilience

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Break-out groups

*Break-out groups (pre-assigned to ensure diversity of perspectives) will each discuss the key elements described in the morning plenary. Members of the Forest Service rule writing team will be present in each session. Note-takers will keep track of concerns, gaps and suggestions. Groups will take a break at their discretion.*

For each topic, the break-out groups will:

- Identify concepts that need clarification;
- Provide brief feedback on the concept;
- Explore any fundamental concerns, gaps, implementability; and
- Begin developing suggestions for how those concerns or gaps might be addressed.

**Technology:** On the afternoon of **Thursday, July 29**, the discussions will run from **1:00 pm to 5:30 pm EDT**. Access to the software will be available starting at 12:30 pm EDT.

**AUDIO:** Access the conference call portion by calling **(888) 566-6576**. The passcode for the call is **4082302#**.

**ONLINE:** Access to the software will be available here:

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5:30 pm      Adjourn

## AGENDA – DAY TWO

7:00 a.m.      A document that consolidates the feedback from day one will be available.  
*Overnight, Meridian will consolidate the feedback from day one into a summary document. This document will be available for review starting at 7:00 a.m. on day two.*

**Technology:** The summary of recommendations will be e-mailed to online participants by 7:00 am EDT on Friday, July 30.

9:00 a.m.      Refine feedback on the proposed rule (*Format TBD, based on additional concerns or questions of the group*)

- Identify commonalities and discrepancies in the feedback provided by different break-out groups;
- Explore if/how discrepancies can be reconciled and various suggestions synthesized; and
- Identify and discuss any other issues

**Technology:** On the morning of **Friday, July 30**, the discussions will run from **8:30 am to 1:00 pm EDT**. Access to the software and conference call line will be available starting at 8:00 am EDT.

**AUDIO:** Access the conference call portion by calling **(888) 566-6576**. The passcode for the call is **4082302#**.

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12:45 p.m.      Closing remarks and brief discussion of next steps

1:00 p.m.      Adjourn