

National Advisory Committee for Implementation of the National Forest System Land Management  
Planning Rule  
September 11-13, 2012  
Marriott Courtyard, Washington DC  
1352 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE, Washington DC 20002

Meeting Objectives

- ❖ Give the committee members an opportunity to meet one another and to hear from one another about their values and their hopes for the planning rule's implementation
- ❖ Ensure that each committee member is grounded in a solid understanding of the 2012 Planning Rule
- ❖ Identify key issues and begin scoping those issues
- ❖ Identify key milestones for the committee's work over the next year
- ❖ Identify how the group will work (e.g. working group structure), goals and objectives for next meeting

**DRAFT AGENDA**

---

September 11, 2012

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Introduce committee members to one another and to Department and Forest Service leadership and staff
- ❖ Ensure that committee members are grounded in the rule
- ❖ Begin exploring the perspectives of each committee member

**8:00 Breakfast**

**8:30 Welcome and Committee Purpose**

Tony Tooke, Director of Ecosystem Management Coordination, USDA Forest Service and the Committee's Designated Federal Official – Framing the Committee's Purpose and Sideboards

**Agenda Review**

Facilitators

**8:40 Introductions/Icebreaker/Facilitators' Assessment Part 1 (substance)**

*Objective: To introduce the group members to one another, and set the tone for key areas of substantive interest*

*Process: Initial introductions (name/affiliation) to be followed by icebreaker exercise and brief, high level overview of Facilitators' Assessment focused on substantive issues*

**9:50 Break**

**10:00 Leadership Panel: History, Experience and Aspirations**

*Objective: To share insights with the committee into Forest Service history and experience, and to explain how these have led to the Department's and Forest Service's aspirations for the rule as well as some of its specific components.*

*Process: Harris Sherman, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA;*

*Arthur “Butch” Blazer, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Robert Bonnie, Senior Advisor for Environment and Climate, USDA; Thomas Tidwell, Chief, US Forest Service; Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief for National Forest System, US Forest Service to present for up to one hour, followed by 20 minutes Q&A*

**11:20 Break**

**11:30 Establishing a Baseline**

*Objective: To clearly establish the central interest that drives each participant's interest in serving on the Committee. Participants will identify an important question that will be discussed during the “Understanding the Planning Rule Overview” presentation following today’s lunch.*

*Process: Facilitated conversation*

**12:15 LUNCH**

**1:15 Understanding the Planning Rule: An Overview**

*Objective: To convey the vision, intent, and key elements of the rule; give a quick overview of each major section; highlight the sections that relate to the participants’ statements and questions for the morning session.*

*Process: Tony Tooke, Director of Ecosystem Management Coordination (EMC) and Chris French, Acting Assistant Director of EMC – Planning will present, addressing as many of the questions posed before lunch as possible. 45 minute presentation will be followed by 35 minutes of Q&A with the Committee. The final 10 minutes will be dedicated to understanding any additional needs related to the rule*

**2:45 Break**

**3:00 Exploring Fundamental Values that Drive Committee Perspectives**

*Objective: To identify the range of committee perspectives and values that will influence the committee’s priorities, decisions and statements.*

*Process: Facilitated exercise in which participants will array themselves along a spectrum of strongly agree/disagree in response to a series of values statements*

**3:40 Initial Scoping Key Issues and Interests**

*Objective: To build on the values exercise as a foundation for listing relevant issues and interests*

*Process: Participants will be given 15 minutes to write down their most important questions about key issues in the rule using sticky notes and flip chart sheets prepared in advance on key issues (e.g. collaboration, species of conservation concern, etc.) Questions will lead to a facilitated conversation that will help surface initial priorities for the group: What are the most important issues for the committee to address? What’s most at stake? What questions have the potential to lead to further dialogue?*

**4:25 Wrap Up/Summary Day 2 Agenda Review**

**4:30 Adjourn**

**6:30 Dinner Together**

September 12, 2012

OBJECTIVE:

- ❖ Clarify and agree to how the group will operate

**8:00 Breakfast**

**8:30 Welcome, Agenda Review  
Overview of travel process and reimbursement form (10 minutes)**

**9:00 Ethics Training**

*Objective: To provide the committee with information regarding any applicable standards of conduct-including those imposed by federal conflict of interest statutes. Discuss any instances where members may be subject to special limitations during the course of their service on the committee.*

*Process: Lorraine "Raine" A. Luciano will present, followed by Q&A*

**10:00 Convening Assessment Part 2 (process)**

*Objective: To provide a targeted overview of the facilitators' assessment and the suggested committee operating protocols*

*Process: Presentation*

**10:10 Set Future Meeting Locations and Dates; Adopt Operating Protocols (break as needed)**

*Objective: To review, amend as necessary and adopt the draft operating protocols*

*Process: Facilitated conversation*

**12:30 Lunch**

**1:45 Review/Adopt Operating Protocols, continued**

**3:15 Break**

**3:30 Return to Issues and Interests List from Day 1 – Additions and Discussion**

**4:25 Wrap Up/Summary Day 3 Agenda Review**

**4:30 Adjourn**

*Dinner – Informal or all together?*

September 13, 2012

**OBJECTIVES**

- ❖ Connect Issues Discussion to the Soon-to-be-Released Interim Directives
- ❖ Planning the Next Year

**8:00 Breakfast**

**8:30 Welcome, Agenda Review; Collect all signed travel forms (10 minutes)**

**8:45 Purpose, Structure and Central Topics of Directives**

*Objective: To explain the structure/function of directives and how they will address key issues of interests*

*Process: Chris French will present, followed by Q&A*

**9:15 Interim Directives Chapter 10: Assessments**

*Objective: To provide the committee with a more detailed overview of what is expected to be covered in this chapter that describes the planning framework as a whole and gives detailed direction for the process and content requirements of the assessment. Committee will flesh out charge to working group that will review the chapter and begin discussion on advice for sideboards on behalf of the larger committee.*

*Process: Regis Terney, Planning Specialist and Chris Iverson, Assistant Director Wildlife, Fish and Rare Plants to provide a 15-minute presentation, followed by committee discussion*

**10:30 BREAK**

**10:45 Interim Directives Chapter 40: Science and Public Participation**

*Objective: To provide the committee with a more detailed overview of what is expected to be covered in this chapter that gives direction on what constitutes the best available scientific information (BASI), how it must inform the planning process, and how the use of BASI needs to be documented. Chapter 40 also provides direction on public participation, describing the public participation opportunities that are required throughout the stages of the planning process. Committee will flesh out charge to working group that will review the chapter and begin discussion on advice for sideboards on behalf of the larger committee.*

*Process: Chris French to provide a 15-minute presentation, followed by committee discussion*

**12:00 Lunch**

**1:15 Establish Working Groups on Interim Directives and Roadmap for Committee**

*Objective: To establish a process for work between meetings, to set the stage, identify dates and possible locations for meetings 2, 3, & 4*

*Process: Facilitated conversation*

**3:00 Wrap Up/Next Steps**

*Objective: To ensure clear understanding of milestones, next steps and timeline*

*Process: Facilitated conversation*

**4:00 Adjourn**