

**Governor's Task Force on Forests
Meeting 2
March 19-21, 2014
Fremont County Public Library,
200 Amoretti Street, Lander, WY
Agenda**

Issues to be addressed at this meeting:

1. Wildfires are becoming larger and more difficult to suppress, in areas where it is appropriate to suppress.
2. Fire management within WUI has become more complex.
3. Lack of appropriate funding allocation for fire suppression is impacting our ability to manage all of our forested lands.
4. Need to address budget funding and allocation.
5. Lack of funding to deal with invasive species including after forest disturbances.
19. Need to improve responsiveness to and management of invasive species.
23. There is a need to manage for resiliency of ecosystem processes.
28. Lack of understanding regarding the ecological effects of disturbance and natural processes.
31. The need to assess and mitigate the impacts of trails, roads and other infrastructure on forest resources.

Wednesday, March 19			
Time	Agenda Item	Who	Product/Outcome
1:00	Welcome Task Force member introductions and agenda review	Co-Chairs Ruckelshaus Institute (R.I.)	Task Force members introduce themselves. Meeting agenda is approved.
1:15	Review of actions since last meeting and process going forward	R.I.	Task Force: (1) reviews outcomes and actions since last meeting; (2) approves refined list of issues and is prepared to address them.
1:30	Legislative Update and Insect and Disease Designation Areas.	Bill Crapser, Jessica Crowder and Richard Stemm	Bill and Jessica will provide information and the Task Force will have time to discuss.
2:30	Break		
2:45	Charter discussion	R.I.	Task Force will review charter recommendations for charter revision and approve the revised charter.

3:15 – 5:00	Wildfires and fire at the wildland-urban interface (WUI) discussion Issues: <i>1. Wildfires are becoming larger and more difficult to suppress, in areas where it is appropriate to suppress.</i> <i>2. Fire management within WUI has become more complex.</i>	R.I.	Task Force clarifies the specific issue(s) to be addressed and resolved through review and discussion of data/information. 1. Review the issues. 2. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion. 3. Break-out groups to draft recommendations 4. Groups draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.
5:00	Informal meet & greet		

Thursday, March 20			
Time	Agenda Item	Who	Product/Outcome
8:00	Fire at the Wildland-Urban Interface Discussion	R.I.	Task force develops proposed recommendations and tests for consensus. 1. Groups present consensus recommendations. 2. General Discussion.
9:30	Break		
9:45	Topic: Invasive species discussion Issues: <i>5. Lack of funding to deal with invasive species including after forest disturbances.</i> <i>19. Need to improve responsiveness to and management of invasive species.</i>	R.I.	Task Force clarifies the specific issue(s) to be addressed and resolved through review and discussion of data/information. 1. Review the issues. 2. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion. 3. Break-out groups to draft recommendations 4. Groups draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.
11:00	Invasive species discussion continued.	R.I.	Task force develops proposed recommendations and tests for consensus. 1. Groups present consensus recommendations. 2. General Discussion
12:00	Lunch on site		

1:00	<p>Topics: Resiliency and climate variability</p> <p>Issues: 18. <i>Need to plan for and respond to climate variability and related impacts.</i> 23. <i>There is a need to manage for resiliency of ecosystem processes.</i> 28. <i>Lack of understanding regarding the ecological effects of disturbance and natural processes.</i></p>	R.I.	<p>Task Force clarifies the specific issue(s) to be addressed and resolved through review and discussion of data/information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the issues. 2. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion. 3. Break-out groups to draft recommendations 4. Groups draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.
3:30	Resiliency and climate variability discussion cont.	R.I.	<p>Task force develops proposed recommendations and tests for consensus.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Groups present consensus recommendations. 2. General Discussion
4:30	Public Comment	Co-Chairs	
5:00	Adjourn for the Day		

Friday, March 21			
Time	Agenda Item	Who	Product/Outcome
8:00	<p>Topic: Budgeting and Funding</p> <p>Issues: 3. <i>Lack of appropriate funding allocation for fire suppression is impacting our ability to manage all of our forested lands.</i> 4. <i>Need to address budget funding and allocation.</i> 5. <i>Lack of funding to deal with invasive species including after forest disturbances.</i></p>	R.I.	<p>Task Force clarifies the specific issue(s) to be addressed and resolved through review and discussion of data/information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the issues. 2. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion. 3. Break-out groups to draft recommendations 4. Groups to draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.
10:15	Budgeting and Funding continued.	R.I.	<p>Task force develops proposed recommendations and tests for consensus.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Groups present consensus recommendations. 2. General Discussion.
11:15	Public comment	Co-chairs	Receive public comment
11:45	Press points What's next	R.I Co-chairs	Summarize actions and outcomes Plan for next meeting
12:00	Adjourn		