

**Governor's Task Force on Forests**  
**Meeting 4**  
**April 30 – May 2, 2014**  
**Wyoming Game and Fish Offices**  
**3030 Energy Lane, Casper, WY**  
**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Issues to be addressed at this meeting:**

- 13. Lack of market awareness of recreational opportunities.
- 14. Need to enhance, incentivize, and stabilize tourism and amenity based economies near forest communities.
- 36. People, especially youth, are not going outdoors and learning about natural resource values and outdoor opportunities.
- 15. Lack of sufficient industry for utilizing forest products.
- 16. There is a lack of markets for low value forest products.
- 17. There is a need to respond to ongoing reductions of opportunity for livestock grazing on forested lands.
- 37. Need to have support for forestry curriculum at Wyoming schools.

Issue requested by the Governor: Biomass for energy production

From *Leading the Charge – Wyoming's Action Plan for Energy, Environment and Economy*

**Theme 1:** Economic Competitiveness, Expansion and Diversification

**Objective 3: New Industries**

Initiative 3C. Utilizing Forest Waste to Produce Energy and Products

Removing dead trees from forests in Wyoming will improve forest conditions. Converting trees to fuel or salable products could provide an economic benefit to local communities.

Recommendations will be proposed for using beetle-killed timber in energy production and in other ways.

Additional issues as identified by the Task Force.

<b>Wednesday, April 30</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Product/Outcome</b>
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	Public Comment	Co-Chairs	
1:30	Review of recommendations from Meeting 3	R.I.	Task Force reviews outcomes of last meeting;
2:00	Discussion: Additional issues that need to be discussed, or issues from previous meetings that we need to continue to discuss.	R.I.	Task Force considers additional issues to be addressed and where appropriate, adds them to the agenda.
3:00	Break		

3:15	<p><b>Topics:</b> Grazing; Education</p> <p><b>Issues:</b>            17. There is a need to respond to ongoing reductions of opportunity for livestock grazing on forested lands.            37. Need to have support for forestry curriculum at Wyoming schools.</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"> <li>1. Review the issues.</li> <li>2. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion.</li> <li>3. Break-out groups to draft recommendations</li> <li>4. Groups draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.</li> </ol>
5:00	Adjourn		
5:30	After Hours Discussion and Dinner at The Fire Rock Grill. Short Presentation by Jess: "Wyoming Public Values, Perceptions and Beliefs regarding Forests".	Jess with Everyone	Participate in a discussion of the importance of Wyoming forests to Task Force members.

<b>Thursday, May 1</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Product/Outcome</b>
8:00	<b>Topic:</b> Grazing; Education	R.I.	Task force develops proposed recommendations and tests for consensus. Continue Break Out Groups if needed. 1. Groups present consensus recommendations. 2. General Discussion.
9:00	<b>Topic:</b> Outdoors and Tourism <b>Presentations:</b> Diane Shober, WY Office of Tourism (via telephone)  Steven Brutger, TU: Balancing Multiple Uses in the Wyoming Range	R.I.	Task Force hears presentations and discusses the topic.
10:00	<b>Break</b>		
10:15	<b>Topic:</b> Outdoors and Tourism  <b>Issues:</b> 13. Lack of market awareness of recreational opportunities. 14. Need to enhance, incentivize, and stabilize tourism and amenity based economies near forest communities. 36. People, especially youth, are not going outdoors and learning about natural resource values and outdoor opportunities.		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 Groups draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.
11:15	<b>Topics:</b> Outdoors and Tourism	R.I.	Task force develops proposed recommendations and tests for consensus. Continue Break Out Groups if needed. 1. Groups present consensus recommendations. 2. General Discussion.
12:00	<b>Lunch</b>		

1:00	<p><b>Topic:</b> Forest Products</p> <p><b>Issues:</b>  15. Lack of sufficient industry for utilizing forest products.  16. There is a lack of markets for low value forest products.</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"> <li>1. Review the issues.</li> <li>2. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion.</li> </ol>
1:45	<b>Break</b>		
2:00	<p><b>Topic:</b> Biomass for energy production</p> <p><b>Presentations:</b>  Dan Tinker and Sarah Strauss, University of Wyoming: Bioenergy Alliance Network for the Rockies (BANR).  Rich Stem: Biomass Power Plant in Colorado, Lessons Learned.</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"> <li>1. Continue to review the issues.</li> <li>2. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion.</li> </ol>
2:45	<b>Topics:</b> Forest Products; Biomass for energy production	R.I.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Break-out groups to draft recommendations</li> <li>2. Groups draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.</li> </ol>
4:00	<b>Topics:</b> Forest Products; Biomass for energy production	R.I.	<p>Task force develops proposed recommendations and tests for consensus.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Groups present consensus recommendations.</li> <li>2. General Discussion.</li> </ol>
4:45	Public Comment	Co-chairs	Receive public comment
5:00	Adjourn		
5:00	Wildfire Disaster Funding Legislation	Ad Hoc Committee	Ad Hoc Committee meets to discuss the issue and prepare a recommendation to the full Task Force

<b>Friday, May 2</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Product/Outcome</b>
8:00	Wildfire Disaster Funding Legislation: Report from Ad Hoc Committee	Ad Hoc Committee	Ad Hoc Committee makes recommendation to full Task Force. Task Force discusses and adopts, amends, or rejects recommendation.
8:30	Exploration of New Issues	R.I.	Task Force clarifies the specific issue(s) to be addressed and resolved through review and discussion of data/information. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the issues.</li> <li>2. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion.</li> <li>3. Break-out groups to draft recommendations</li> </ol> Groups draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.
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10:30	Public Comment	Co-chairs	Receive public comment
10:45	Break		
11:00	<b>Topics:</b> Review and Discussion of Recommendations to date	R.I. Co-Chairs	Task Force reviews draft recommendations, discusses how to begin to frame the recommendations into specific recommendations to the Governor, and other recommendations.
11:45	Press points What's next	R.I Co-chairs	Summarize actions and outcomes Plan for next meeting
12:00	Adjourn		