

**Governor's Task Force on Forests
Meeting 1
December 18-20, 2013
Cheyenne, WY
Agenda**

Wednesday, December 18			
Time	Agenda Item	Who	Product/Outcome
8:00	Task Force member introductions and agenda review	Ruckelshaus Institute (R.I.)	Task Force members introduce themselves. Meeting agenda is approved.
8:45	Task Force purpose and mission and roles	J. Rieman	Purpose and mission of the Task Force and roles of Task Force, R.I., and R. Stem are explained and agreed upon.
9:00	Discussion of assessment results (telephone interviews) and expectations	R.I.	Members gain an understanding of how other members think about forest health and expectations about the task force and its outcomes. Discuss potential areas of conflict and begin to formulate ways to head off unproductive conflict.
9:45	Break		
10:00	What's important? Discussion of Task Force interests	R.I.	Develop a list of specific interests of task force members and their constituents regarding forest health and forest management. This list will guide the task force in their deliberation.
12:00	Lunch		
1:00	Governor Mead's charge to the task force		
1:30	Review, discussion and amendments to group charter	R.I.	Get agreement on the contents of the charter.
2:45	Break		
3:00	Information session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall climate & condition • Criteria for determining a healthy forest landscape • Beetle epidemic and biology • Predictions for next 5-10-20 years • Mapping; existing conditions & projects 	R. Stem B. Crapser	Learn about forest conditions and trends; basic forest ecology;
4:30	Public Comment	Co-chairs	Receive public comment
5:00	Informal meet & greet		

Thursday, December 19			
Time	Agenda Item	Who	Product/Outcome
8:00 am	Information Session (continued)	R. Stem B. Crapser	
10:00	Break		
10:15	Identification of issues to be addressed by the Task Force for each major theme.		
1.	Discuss the three major themes: A. Fire and other disturbance B. Forest management C. Economic opportunities and innovation	R.I. R. Stem	Start creating a common knowledge of the scope of each theme for all Task Force members.
2.	Breakout Groups: Create lists of possible issues for the Task Force to address for each of the three major themes.	R.I. R. Stem	Provides an opportunity to explore the ramifications, trade-offs and concerns involved in these three themes among Task Force members.
3.	General discussion regarding group lists	R.I. R. Stem	Allows Task Force members to learn from each other regarding trade-offs and important subjects. Generate a list of issues the Task Force wants to deliberate in upcoming meetings.
12:00	Lunch		
4.	Discuss considerations related to potential recommendations to the Governor. A. Contextual considerations: National forests, private forest lands and state lands. B. Potential policy tools to use in recommendations: e.g. stewardship contracting, Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Projects, Good Neighbor Contracts, Wildland Urban Interface approaches, CWPP's, legislative action, etc.	R. Stem R.I.	An introduction and exploratory discussion of the breadth of recommendations the Task force may want to make in the future to the Governor. In this section both the type and scale of recommendations will be discussed and the policy tools that are already in existence that may be used in recommendations. This will provide the Task Force with the information needed to decide which issues are short or long term in nature.
5.	Identify short-term and long-term issues.	R.I.	Discuss which issues that resulted from the break-out might be dealt with soon, and which are longer-term.
5:00 pm	Adjourn for the Day		

Friday, December 20			
Time	Agenda Item	Who	Product/Outcome
8:00 am	Reconvene for conclusion of issues discussion		
1.	Breakout Groups: Prioritize the list of Issues and approaches to be deliberated in upcoming meetings for each theme.	R.I.	Task Force will go through the list of issues already drafted and determine the issues it wants to deliberate in upcoming meetings.
9:15-9:30	Break		
2.	Merge breakout group ideas and generate a general determination of priority issues to be addressed by the Task Force.	R.I.	
10:30 am	Public Comment		Receive public comment
11:00 am	Discussion: how will the issues be addressed in each meeting for each theme? Develop an agenda for the next meeting Identify meeting dates	R.I	Create a general approach for deliberating issues for each theme in the next three meetings. Draft agenda for meeting #2. Set meeting dates for remaining four meetings.
12:00	Adjourn		