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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
Montana Climate Change Advisory Committee
Agriculture, Forestry & Waste Management
Technical Work Group
Call #4, November 13, 2006

Attendance:

1. TWG Members: Gary Perry, Ted Dodge, Trudi Peterson, Dave Kelsey, Neil Sampson, Lowell Whitney, Collin Watters, Sterling Miller, Richard Liebert, Robert Boettcher
2. Public: None
3. CCS: Steve Roe, Katie Bickel, Tom Peterson
4. DEQ: Lynda Saul, Pat Crowley, Lou Moore, Bob Habeck

Background documents:

(all posted at http://www.mtclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry.cfm)

1. Agenda
2. Draft Summary of AFW TWG Call#3
3. Power Point Presentation to the AFW TWG
4. AFW Policy Options Catalog
5. AFW Policy Options Description Template
6. General Reference Materials: five background documents pertaining to the forest carbon stock methodology used in the inventory and forecast

Discussion and conclusions:

1. CCS reviewed the agenda and purpose of the call, which was primarily to finish reviewing the forestry options in the policy catalogue.
2. CCS noted that comments were received by email from Ross Bricklemeyer on the agriculture options in the catalogue. CCS briefly reviewed these comments and provided an opportunity for those on the call to also ask additional questions on the agriculture options. Option 3-6 was discussed briefly.
3. The forestry options in the policy options catalog were reviewed. The discussion included clarifying questions, discussion of GHG and cost potentials, and opportunities to consolidate options where appropriate. TWG members shared their knowledge of specific options and their potential applicability in MT.
4. A proposal was made to consolidate options 6.5 to 6.8 under the category "Management of Existing Stands." It was noted that this approach made technical sense as well as conceptual sense, particularly in terms of quantifying carbon benefits.

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5. It was also noted that options 6.12 to 6.17 represented programmatic approaches that would likely be carried out with management practices covered in other options.
6. Clarification of the technical potential for GHG reductions from several options under Wood Products and Waste, and Energy Production were also discussed.
7. CCS agreed to revise the policy catalogue based on this discussion, and the revised catalogue will serve as the basis for voting on and prioritizing options for further analysis.
8. CCS reviewed the Policy Options Description Template, which will be completed by volunteers from the AFW TWG with assistance from CCS after the next advisory group meeting in December.
9. CCS reviewed the voting process. TWG members will receive a ballot via email. Each member can vote for 10 options with only one vote per option. Each member will also be able to provide additional input regarding their votes (e.g. desire to package two or more options together). CCS will consolidate the voting and present the results to the group during the following call.
10. CCS reviewed the forest carbon stock inventory methods, noting two issues that have been addressed. Revised carbon stock estimates are in process and CCS is waiting for these data from the FS. CCS also noted that background documents had been posted to the website pertaining to the forest carbon methodology.

Next steps:

1. CCS will revise and circulate the catalog along with ballots for voting by Friday November 17, 2006.
2. TWG members will have ~10 days to review and submit their votes on the policy options
3. A call was scheduled for November 30, 2006 at 2pm Mountain Time to review the outcomes of the voting process.
4. A master schedule for remaining TWG calls is under development