

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Montana Climate Change Advisory Committee**  
**Agriculture, Forestry & Waste Management**  
**Technical Work Group**  
**Call #5, November 30, 2006**

Attendance:

1. TWG Members: Trudi Peterson, Dave Kelsey, Neil Sampson, Lowell Whitney, Collin Watters, Sterling Miller, Richard Liebert, Robert Boettcher, Ross Bricklemyer
2. Public: None
3. CCS: Steve Roe, Katie Bickel, Tom Peterson
4. DEQ: Lynda Saul, Pat Crowley, Lou Moore, Bill Bahr, Jim Boyer, Jeff Blend

Background documents:

(all posted at [http://www.mtclimatechange.us/Agriculture\\_Forestry.cfm](http://www.mtclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry.cfm))

1. Agenda
2. Draft Summary of AFW TWG Call#4
3. Power Point Presentation to the AFW TWG
4. Consolidated AFW Policy Options Catalog
5. MT AFW Policy Options Description Template

Discussion and conclusions:

1. CCS reviewed the agenda and purpose of the call, which was to review outcomes of the prioritization voting and discuss next steps for developing mitigation options straw proposals. CCS also reviewed the draft call summary from the previous call. No changes were needed to the draft summary.
2. CCS reviewed the results of the voting: eleven high priority categories were identified for analysis (received 4+ votes), eight medium-level priorities (received 2+ votes), and the remaining options were determined to be low priority (received 1 or no votes). A consolidated catalogue was the basis for voting; and based on comments received during the voting process, CCS made recommendations for further consolidation of options. CCS noted that no Waste options were elevated to a high or medium priority.
3. TWG members supported the voting outcomes compiled by CCS and the following modification of mitigation options were agreed to by the TWG, based on comments and CCS recommendations: AFW-2 was renamed to "Forest Health Programs for Carbon Management"; Improved logging and thinning residue recovery and other related actions were included in AFW-5 and expanded to include catalogue option #8.1 (electricity, fuel switching). AFW-5 was

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- renamed “Expanded Use of Forest Biomass Feedstock for Energy Use”; AFW-7 was renamed to “Preserve Open Space and Working Lands” and expanded to include forest protection; AFW-9 was split and combined into AFW-8 and AFW-9; AFW-8 was revised/renamed to “Afforestation and Reforestation”; AFW-10 became AFW-9 and was renamed “Improved Management and Restoration of Existing Stands.” AFW-11 became the new AFW-10 and is titled “Expanded Use of Wood Products for Building Materials” and includes evaluating promotion of locally grown wood products. As a result of these modifications/consolidations, the final list contains ten priority options. *NOTE: CCS will renumber the options in the final list so that agricultural options are grouped together and forestry options are grouped together (for ease of presentation later in the process).*
4. Issues, comments, and concerns about mitigation options (e.g. quantification of benefits) were raised during the discussion and noted.
  5. The next step of developing the Mitigation Options Descriptions (or “straw proposals”) was reviewed. CCS reviewed a template for the straw proposals and discussed the elements that ultimately will be included in the straw proposals.
  6. TWG members volunteered for development of each of the ten mitigation options (see attached table for volunteer assignments; this attached table has been renumbered put the agricultural options together and the forestry options together). Following approval by the CCAC, volunteer groups will take the lead in drafting mitigation option descriptions and mitigation option design elements (i.e., the first two elements of the template); CCS will support the volunteer groups and will ultimately provide analysis of the GHG reduction and cost estimates after CCAC approval of goals.
  7. The scope of work for volunteer groups and the process for coordination was briefly discussed. Work will begin after the next CCAC meeting. In general, volunteer groups will likely communicate and coordinate by email or phone to exchange views on draft text. Progress will be shared with the rest of the TWG during subsequent TWG calls.

Next steps:

1. CCS will present the TWG proposal for priority mitigation options at the next CCAC meeting on December 14, 2006. CCAC will approve a final list, which could potentially be a modified version of the TWG proposal.
2. CCS will provide a Word version of the policy template, so that volunteers can use this to begin drafting straw proposal text.
3. CCS will solicit additional volunteer commitments from TWG members who were not on this call.
4. Following the outcomes of the CCAC meeting, work will begin on drafting straw proposals
5. A master schedule for remaining TWG calls is under development and will be circulated soon.

**MT AFW Volunteers for Policy Option Development  
(Additional volunteers are requested)**

<b>Option #</b>	<b>GHG Reduction Policy Option</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
AFW-1	Agricultural Soil Carbon Management Programs	T. Peterson; D. Kelsey; R. Bricklemyer; C. Watters
AFW-2	Biodiesel Production (incentives for feedstocks and production plants)	D. Kelsey, C. Watters, B. Bahr
AFW-3	Ethanol Production	R. Liebert, C. Watters
AFW-4	Incentives for Maintenance of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Acreage	R. Bricklemyer, L. Saul, T. Dodge
AFW-5	Preserve Open Space & Working Lands	R. Liebert, L. Saul, L. Whitney; J Blend
AFW-6	Forest Health Programs for Carbon Management	N. Sampson; B. Habeck; S. Miller
AFW-7	Expanded Use of Forest Biomass Feedstocks for Energy Use	N. Sampson
AFW-8	Afforestation and Reforestation Programs	N. Sampson
AFW-9	Improved Management and Restoration of Existing Stands	L. Whitney, B. Habeck
AFW-10	Expanded Use of Wood Products for Building Materials	B. Bahr
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