

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Montana Climate Change Advisory Committee**  
**Agriculture, Forestry & Waste Management**  
**Technical Work Group**  
**Call #6, January 3, 2007**

Attendance:

TWG Members: Ted Dodge, Trudy Peterson, Lowell Whitney, Richard Liebert  
DEQ: Lynda Saul, Bill Bahr, Pat Crowley, Jim Boyer, Bob Habeck, Jeff Blend, Lisa Peterson  
CCS: Steve Roe, Katie Bickel

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#5
3. Power Point Presentation to the AFW TWG
4. Sample Draft Mitigation Options Description Template
5. Example Completed Straw Proposal

Discussion and conclusions:

1. CCS reviewed the call summary from call #5. No revisions were needed.
2. CCS reviewed the outcomes of the CCAC meeting held on December 14, 2006. The discussion focused on addressing CCAC input and requests. In response the TWG: established volunteers to develop two additional priority options (Enhance Solid Waste Recovery & Recycling and Programs to Promote Local Food & Fiber); decided to include analysis of organic farming as an element with AFW-1 and explore where organic farming has the most potential to reduce GHG emissions in MT; decided to include where appropriate in each policy option goals and implementation mechanisms that encourage “state lead by example” approaches; and revised the title of AFW-4 to “Incentives for Enhancing GHG Benefits of Conservation Provisions of Farm Bill Programs” (to address concerns about the CRP program and to broaden analysis to include other Farm Bill programs that could be enhanced for real, quantifiable GHG benefits). As part of this discussion, the TWG discussed pending legislation and how it can be included in the mitigation option proposals. Lisa Peterson will forward information on accessing information on pending bills for the MT legislature to the TWG. Posting the list (or directions for accessing the list) on the MT CCAC website for broad distribution was also discussed. It was noted that the mitigation option proposals include a place to summarize existing/pending programs and legislation.

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3. CCS reviewed the next steps for drafting proposals. CCS will draft text for the mitigation description (section 1) and circulate to the TWG. MT DEQ will draft text on existing programs and policies in place (section 4), and the TWG volunteers will draft the policy design (section 2). Each completed straw proposal will then be brought back to the full TWG for review and approval prior to submitting these to the CCAC. The CCAC will review and approve TWG recommendations for the straw proposals at the next CCAC meeting. A need for additional volunteers from the TWG was discussed. Lisa Peterson will make calls to TWG members who were not present on the call. The role of additional experts in providing input to proposal development was discussed. Expert input is readily available and welcomed; expert input should be facilitated through TWG members (the proposals are a product of the TWG and therefore TWG members are responsible for drafting the primary material). Lead volunteers for each of the options were assigned. A revised list of options and volunteers (including who is the lead volunteer for each option) is provided below.
4. CCS provided an update of the status of the GHG inventory and forecast development for Forestry, Agriculture and Waste. Inventory status information had been presented to the CCAC and was provided to the TWG as well during the call. CCS also reviewed concerns expressed during the CCAC by Steve Running, a member of the Science Advisory Committee, about the characterization of the forestry carbon stocks in the inventory report. CCS will coordinate a follow-up call with Steve Running and others (participation is to be determined) to discuss further. CCS noted that this call was part of a continuing discussion of the forest methodology and noted that documentation on the forest methodology was provided on the AFW TWG website.
5. The next TWG call was rescheduled to February 1, 2007, from 2 – 4 p.m. MST.

#### Next steps:

1. CCS will circulate mitigation options with draft mitigation descriptions.
2. MT DEQ will fill in section on existing policies/programs in place or request information from other State agency experts (Dept of Ag and DNRC).
3. TWG volunteers will begin drafting policy design—coordinated by lead volunteer.
4. Next TWG call February 1, 2007 to discuss progress on drafting straw proposals (must have final TWG recommendations by one week before the March 1 CCAC).
5. Next CCAC meeting March 1, 2007 (note this is a new date, rescheduled at the Dec. 14 meeting).

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

<b>Option #</b>	<b>GHG Reduction Policy Option</b>	<b>Volunteers (Lead in Bold)</b>
AFW-1	Agricultural Soil Carbon Management Programs	<b>T. Peterson</b> , D. Kelsey, R. Bricklemyer, C. Watters
AFW-2	Biodiesel Production (incentives for feedstocks and production plants)	<b>C. Watters</b> , D. Kelsey, B. Bahr
AFW-3	Ethanol Production	<b>R. Liebert</b> , C. Watters, J. Blend
AFW-4	Incentives for Enhancing GHG Benefits of Conservation Provisions of Farm Bill Programs	<b>T. Dodge</b> , R. Bricklemyer, L. Saul
AFW-5	Preserve Open Space & Working Lands	<b>L. Whitney</b> , R. Liebert, L. Saul, J. Blend
AFW-6	Forest Health Programs for Carbon Management	<b>B. Habeck</b> , N. Sampson, S. Miller
AFW-7	Expanded Use of Biomass Feedstocks for Energy Use	<b>P. Crowley</b> , N. Sampson, L. Whitney
AFW-8	Afforestation and Reforestation Programs	<b>N. Sampson</b> , L. Whitney, B. Habeck
AFW-9	Improved Management and Restoration of Existing Stands	<b>L. Whitney</b> , <b>B. Habeck</b>
AFW-10	Expanded Use of Wood Products for Building Materials	<b>B. Bahr</b> , L. Whitney
AFW-11	Programs to Promote Local Food & Fiber	<b>L. Saul</b> , R. Liebert, C. Watters
AFW-12	Enhanced Solid Waste Recovery & Recycling	<b>P. Crowley</b> , B. Bahr
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