

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
Montana Climate Change Advisory Committee
Agriculture, Forestry & Waste Management
Technical Work Group
Call #7, February 1, 2007

Attendance:

1. TWG Members: Neil Sampson, Lowell Whitney, Dave Kelsey, Richard Liebert, Trudi Peterson, Ted Dodge, Collin Watters, Ross Brickelmeyer, Robert Boettcher
2. Public: None
3. CCS: Steve Roe, Katie Bickel
4. DEQ: Lynda Saul, Bob Habeck, Lisa Peterson, Bill Bahr, Pat Crowley, Jeff Blend

Background documents:

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

1. Agenda
2. Draft Summary of AFW TWG Call#6
3. Power Point Presentation to the AFW TWG
4. MT AFW Policy Options Description

Discussion and conclusions:

1. CCS reviewed the agenda and purpose of the call. CCS also reviewed the draft call summary from the previous call and highlighted steps such as identifying volunteers and drafting straw proposals. CCS discussed engaging TWG members in developing straw proposals. No changes were needed to the draft summary.
2. CCS noted that the document posted to the webpage has mitigation option descriptions only; a revised version was circulated the day prior to this call that incorporates input from TWG members. Additional input was received the morning of the call but is not included in the documents.
3. Reviewed volunteer assignments. CCS emphasized a need for widespread involvement from TWG members in drafting proposals. A TWG member volunteered for two more options (AFW-1 and AFW-11). It was noted that additional (non-TWG) experts are being consulted as well.
4. CCS reviewed the priorities that the CCAC raised at their last meeting regarding mitigation options development: promote purchase locally grown product, organic farming, state lead by example opportunities, and waste management. CCS emphasized the need to develop state lead by example opportunities (e.g., state participation in the Chicago Climate Exchange).
5. CCS reviewed with the TWG the draft straw proposals. For each option, the lead TWG volunteers reviewed the status of the option design, goals, timing, coverage

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- of parties. Volunteers made arrangements to coordinate with each other and a subcommittee for coordination on AFW 6-10 was established and will meet by phone. The conversation focused on formulating quantifiable goals in preparation for the CCAC meeting. TWG members exchanged potential resources for data on baseline conditions and ideas for how to identify goal levels. The potential overlaps and interactions between options were also discussed. All mitigation options were reviewed.
6. CCS reviewed the outcomes of a separate call on the MT forest inventory methods. Two actions items were identified on that call: 1. CCS will revise and clarify text in the inventory and forecast; and 2. CCS will adjust the carbon stock estimates to account for a data collection artifact that increased the amount of land in the carbon stock change assessment between the two inventory time periods.
 7. Next steps were reviewed (see below) and the next TWG call scheduled for February 20, 2007, 2-4pm.

Next steps:

1. Over the next two weeks, TWG volunteers will work together individually to get straw proposals completed. Volunteers will send revised draft text to CCS no later than February 14. CCS will incorporate and redistribute to the TWG in preparation for the next TWG call.
2. A TWG call was scheduled for February 20, 2007, 2-4pm; on this call, mitigation design sections will be reviewed by the TWG in preparation for the CCAC meeting.
3. Mitigation description and design sections of the straw proposals will be presented at next CCAC meeting for CCAC approval.
4. CCAC meeting scheduled for March 1, 2007 in Helena, MT.

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

Option #	GHG Reduction Policy Option	Volunteers
AFW-1	Agricultural Soil Carbon Management Programs	T. Peterson; D. Kelsey; R. Bricklemyer; C. Watters, R. Boettcher
AFW-2	Biodiesel Production (incentives for feedstocks and production plants)	C. Watters, D. Kelsey, B. Bahr
AFW-3	Ethanol Production	R. Liebert, C. Watters, J. Blend
AFW-4	Incentives for Maintenance of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Acreage	T. Dodge, R. Bricklemyer, L. Saul
AFW-5	Preserve Open Space & Working Lands	L. Whitney, R. Liebert, L. Saul, J. Blend
AFW-6	Forest Health Programs for Carbon Management	B. Habeck, N. Sampson; S. Miller
AFW-7	Expanded Use of Forest Biomass Feedstocks for Energy Use	P. Crowley, N. Sampson, S. Miller
AFW-8	Afforestation and Reforestation Programs	N. Sampson, L. Whitney, B. Habeck
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, L. Whitney
AFW-11	Programs to Promote Local Food & Fiber	L. Saul, R. Liebert, C. Watters, R. Boettcher
AFW-12	Enhanced Solid Waste Recovery & Recycling	P. Crowley, B. Bahr
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