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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
Montana Climate Change Advisory Committee
Agriculture, Forestry & Waste Management
Technical Work Group
Call #1, August 31, 2006

Attendance:

1. TWG Members: Ted Dodge, Trudi Peterson, Dave Kelsey, Ross Bricklemeyer, Lowell Whitney, Sterling Miller, Jim Evanoff, Richard Liebert, Robert Boettcher
2. Public: None
3. CCS: Steve Roe, Tom Peterson
4. DEQ: Lisa Peterson, Jim Boyer, Jeff Blend, Lou Moore

Background documents:

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

1. Agenda
2. Power Point Presentation to the AFW TWG
3. AFW Policy Options Catalog
4. MT Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Forecast, 1990-2020 (posted at: <http://www.mtclimatechange.us/ewebeditpro/items/O127F8927.pdf>)

Discussion and conclusions:

1. CCS provided background on the advisory committee process and an overview of the steps to be taken, and the final report.
2. CCS provided a review of the MT inventory and forecast. TWG members had a strong interest in learning more details on the data and methods used to produce the forestry estimates. CCS mentioned that more time will be spent during upcoming TWG meetings going over the methods, data and assumptions underlying the forestry estimates. TWG members indicated that they would welcome an opportunity to have Jim Smith of the USFS attend an upcoming TWG call to provide additional details on carbon stock modeling (Jim develops the forestry estimates in EPA's national inventory and is the source of carbon stock data that CCS used in estimating CO₂e flux).
3. CCS did a quick review the AFW TWG policy options catalog. Time only permitted a review of the categories of policy options for each sector (agriculture, forestry, and waste management). Additional time will be spent on the next call to go over the individual options in more detail. In the meantime, as mentioned under next steps below, TWG members are asked to review the catalog and provide CCS with any options that they feel are missing. CCS will begin to fill in

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the information on potential GHG reductions and costs based on professional judgment and reductions estimated for similar options in other states.

Next steps:

1. CCS will contact Jim Smith to try and arrange for his attendance on the next TWG call. CCS will also forward additional information provided by Jim after the first CCAC meeting. CCS will also request any additional useful reference material on carbon stock accounting from Jim Smith.
2. TWG members will review the AFW catalog of GHG policy options and submit additions to this list to Steve Roe (sroe@pechan.com). If there is need for additional clarification on what is meant by any of the policy names on the list, TWG members should email these questions to Steve. Any new additions should be sent by close of business on Wednesday, September 6.
3. CCS will fill in the GHG reduction potential and cost effectiveness columns of the policy options catalog and forward this to the group after all additions have been made.
4. The next call is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2006, from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM.