

State Land Manager Roundtable

SLMC Annual Meeting

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Minnesota

1. Maintaining forest health and productivity with limited budgets and shrinking wood product markets.
2. Threats from highly destructive invasive species.
3. The effects climate change will have on forests and forest management agencies.

New Hampshire

1. The economic slow down has caused many of our markets to vanish statewide. The forest products industry is in very bad shape.
2. There is a great interest in using wood to power energy plants for electricity and heat.
3. The state legislature has discussed adopting a rigorous state environmental policy act similar to NEPA over the last 2 legislative seasons. The act as discussed could overwhelm current state forest management resources.

West Virginia

1. Non-native invasive species control.
2. Endangered species – northern flying squirrel; Indiana bat
3. The timber market, or lack there of - rumor has it that companies that are trying to survive are not able to find timber to buy.

Wisconsin

1. Motorized Recreation
2. Ability to implement master plans and management with shrinking budgets – use of private cooperating foresters
3. Woody biomass harvesting and invasives

Maryland

1. Forest Certification has become the over-riding motivation to how we manage our forestland and much of our annual work plans.
2. Contracting Markets - The global economy has reduced the amount of wood going to mills and thus the value of what is being harvested.
3. Reduced Budgets and Staff - Overall, we have lost budget dollars and that affects what we can do on the ground.

Missouri

1. Elimination of at least 130 jobs by July 1, 2010.
2. Certification of MDC forest land is under consideration. There is no entity demanding certification as in the Lake States. Industry is interested in certification only as orders for certified lumber have increased.
3. Woody Biomass for energy is newsworthy, but only on the horizon.

New Jersey

1. An ever expanding array of “environmental regulations”
2. Forest Health Damaging issues such as insect and disease, invasive species and deer over population
3. Forest Products Markets – The long declining economy has caused many primary wood processors to shut down.