

**National Association of Northeast Foresters (NAASF)
State Land Management Committee
Work Plan and Budget (FY2010)**

ISSUES:

1. Public is unaware and lacks understanding of forests and forest management.
2. The future of public forest land management is at risk and largely a political unknown.
3. Lack of sufficient resources for effective management of publicly owned forest lands and lands held for public good.
4. Committee member states need communication methods to effectively share ideas and encourage others to show the results and benefits of effective forest management practices.

ACTION:

Develop an information network that will gather and distribute information regarding methods to focus activities and develop target audiences for promoting stewardship of public lands. Plan for a webinar addressing: Future topics of interests to SLMC to discuss and share knowledge:

1. Woody Biomass harvesting guidelines and markets
2. Motorized recreation (atv) trail standards, monitoring, etc
3. Forest management certification impacts and opportunities on state lands
4. Identification and management of High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF)
5. Carbon on state lands, modeling, etc

ISSUES:

1. Negative impacts of exotic and invasive plants to the forest ecosystem are expanding.
2. Threats to forest health and productivity including insects, diseases, invasive plants and animals, and weather events.
3. The NAASF Forest Health Committee is working on these same issues. Rather than working separately, a joint effort would be beneficial by attending a local meeting.

ACTIONS:

1. Coordinate with the Forest Health Committee – Exotic & Invasive Species Subcommittee to expand our committee member's knowledge of exotic invasive species control.
2. Have at least one representative of the State Lands Committee from each USFS field office area attend the next meeting of the Forest Health Committee for the Northeast Area.
3. Work to share current findings on invasive species control, perhaps via the NAASF or a Committee website.
4. Movement of firewood to reduce risk of pest and pathogen spread

ISSUES:

1. The USDA Forest Service is working toward the State & Private Forestry redesign that will affect how support and programs are delivered to state forestry programs. One item that will affect some SLMC members includes the requirement for a statewide forest assessment and response plan.

ACTIONS:

1. Maintain open dialog and provide input with NAASF Planners/GIS and Forest Health Committees to coordinate efforts to deliver components to the State Forest Assessment and Response Plan.

ISSUE:

1. Carbon dioxide utilization and carbon sequestration capacity of forest land is becoming an increasingly important issue for public forest managers.

ACTION:

1. Promote development of models, assessments, and research to quantify forest carbon production and capacity for state managed forests in the Northeastern states. Coordinate any efforts with the NASF Carbon Work Group. Alec Giffen, Maine State Forester, is leading this group.

ANNUAL BUDGET

Budget Item	Amount
Item 1: Travel expenses for Committee Chair to attend NAASF Summer Meeting	\$1,500
Item 2: Expenses for up to two webinar meetings	\$1,000
Item 3: Special Projects	\$0
Total requested from NAASF	\$2,500