

Aerial Detection Survey Focus Group Resolutions 02/01/07

1. Be it resolved that we adhere to existing National Reporting Standards in place throughout the U.S. Refer to the Aerial Survey Standards and Aerial Survey GIS Handbook <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/publications/id/>

(standards are not met everywhere – i.e. provide flown/not flown annually; maybe update the process for reminding surveyors what is required in collection, this is especially important with the high turnover and retirements in the aerial survey community; ASWG and Regional Coordinator are important contacts to “get everyone up to speed”)

2. Whereas we will continue to improve upon quality of Aerial Detection Survey (ADS) and that ground checking is an important, integral part of ADS, it is recognized that the purpose of the Ground Check Guidelines presented in January 2007 is to improve aerial surveyor mapping skills. Be it resolved that in order to further develop ground checking on a trial basis, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Washington, California, FHP Northeastern Area and Southern Region will attempt to implement the Ground Check Guidelines for some of their polygons. Results are to be submitted to the ASWG. The Ground Check Guidelines will be posted at <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/publications/id/>
3. Be it resolved that in order to assist FHTET at the National Level in expediting data dissemination, States will consider using and the Regions will use ADS Tools to clean up the data before it is submitted to the National Database for 2007 ADS.
4. Be it resolved that FHTET, Regional GIS staff, and the ASWG will review ADS GIS Standards to determine needs for improvement and recommend any changes during the 2008 ADS Focus Group (e.g. an attribute for paper maps vs. digital, etc...).
5. Be it resolved that the ASWG Chair or Interim Chair should either lead or co-lead future ADS Focus Groups in order to continue to improve the coordination of the AS and FHM Working Groups.