

External Funding Workshop

Location: Jobs Corps Center, Federal Center, Building 20, Lakewood, Colorado

For on-site attendees:

Webinar and VTC will be set-up to connect with some speakers and the State Foresters – as needed.

For remote attendees:

Materials will be made available, please watch for instructions. Please **call the number below at least 10 minutes before the sessions start each day.** Time frames are listed on the agenda. Please have your phones on mute, unless asking a question or engaging in discussion, so that we can minimize the background noise.

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Meeting Facilitator:

Judy Geniac, Partnership Liaison – Rocky Mountain Region, USDA Forest Service

Monday, February 9, 2009

12:30 Introductions

12:45 States' Skills and Needs

(Judy Geniac, Partnership Liaison – Region 2, USDA FS)

Review summary of pre-workshop assignment

1:00 FS Funding --Redesign and Other Changes

(Susan Ford, – Region 2, USDA FS)

- Introduction to new FS grant lead: Midori Raymore (10)
- FY2009 budget overview: Susan/Katherine (10)
- State Forest Resource Assessment and Response Plans:--developing a strategy for use as grant narrative.
- Redesign competitive projects: two years experience as a backdrop to becoming more competitive and developing multi-state proposals and opportunity to engage other funders
- Monitoring, reporting, and evaluating success of competitive projects
- Changing Administration and its Focus: “green” jobs, economic stimulus

1:45 Break

2:00 Farm Bill Opportunities

(Andy Mason, USDA FS Washington D.C. Liaison to NRCS; James Melonas, Cooperative Forestry, US Forest Service Washington Office)

Webinar presentation:

- Overview & discussion of new Farm Bill authorities

Note to remote attendees: the PowerPoint sent to you via email on 02/06.

2:00 Grants Administrators Break-Out Meeting

(Midori Raymore, Grants and Agreements Specialist – Region 2, USDA FS)

- FY2009 time frames & expectations
- Grants management issues: mandated annual grant reports; Executive Orders that apply to state grants (e.g., EMS); other issues on horizon: Midori

3:15 Break

3:30 Diversifying your Funding Portfolio

(Judy Geniac, USDA FS)

Opportunity Portfolios (½ hour)

- How to create
- How to get the word out

Capacity (1/2 hour)

- Understanding your capacity needs and how to address this at little or no cost
- State Forester observation: workload increases in both complexity and volume, while staff resources decline.

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8:00 Diversifying your Funding Portfolio, cont.

State of Philanthropy and Corporate & Individual Giving

(John Newkirk – Snow Valley Foundation, Colorado Association of Funders,
and Council on Foundations)

Judy Geniac, Partnership Liaison – Region 2, USDA FS

Sarah Kuiken, Partnerships, Region 2, USDA FS)

- Current state and outlook on future of philanthropy
- What that means to those seeking funding
- Evaluating your sources, strengths and needed strengths
- Opportunities by state
- Finding common goals: direct or indirect engagement
- Leveraging success

9:00 Break

9:10 Ecosystem Services – Carbon Offsets and Biomass Energy

(Jeff Fiedler, Senior Policy Advisor – Climate and Forests, The Nature Conservancy,

Ryan Moore, Senior Research Associate – Inst. for Environmental Solutions

Judy Geniac, Partnership Liaison – Region 2, USDA FS)

- Introduction to the Carbon Market
- Rural forestry example
- Urban forestry example
- Resources for more information and engagement
- Q&A

10:20 Ecosystem Services – Water

(David Yates, Hydrologist – Research Applications Lab, UCAR/NCAR
Ryan Moore, Senior Research Associate – Inst. for Environmental Solutions
Judy Geniac, Partnership Liaison – Region 2, USDA FS)

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11:30 Forestry Governance Council: review of the workshop, guidance on project expectations, other input

(moderator Mark Boche, Director SPF – Region 2, USDA FS)

- Introduction to new FS grant lead, Midori Raymore, to State Foresters

12:00 Break – Lunch delivered for those contributing.

Travel – State Foresters to the Job Corps Center to join the Workshop: project identification and role assignments.

12:30 Project Selection

(moderator Claire Harper, State and Private Forestry – Region 2, USDA FS)

- Review options/ideas listed below for multi-state projects (see next page)
- Brainstorm additional ideas
- Select projects for development and further refinement
- Identify breakout groups /project teams

1:15 ... Project Design & Assignments (breakout groups)

Examine project options, make selection(s), appoint leads, identify mechanism for assistance, and set mile stones and time frame(s). Clarity is needed with regard to what has and has not been done in the field(s) of the project(s) selected.

4:45 ... Feedback on the Workshop (15 minutes)

Project Ideas/Options

Woody biomass/bio-energy projects:

- Work out a means to aggregate the various **woody biomass engineering feasibility studies** across R2 into one packet, summing up the potential costs and benefits across a 1-5 state area (which would be substantial), and then to apply for a larger amount of funds to DOE or some other funding sources (e.g., competitive grant programs, foundations with the greatest potential for funding these initiatives), and better the intricacies of the grant programs and their application processes.

- Institutional **Power Plant Fuel Source Conversion needs** -- Study and then aggregate across the 1-5 State region the costs of converting power generation systems at selected public institutions to wood based energy systems.

Ecosystem services/ carbon market projects:

- Sketch out a strategy and subsequent proposal that would better position individual states (state forestry agencies and land owners) to participate in **carbon markets**
- Create and submit a multi-state Redesign proposal to fund a 5-State ES Initiative focused on carbon and water markets (see handout)
- Delineate ecosystems service computational values such as a carbon registry
- Determine carbon offset industries needs and the role that states can take on to link this industry with land owners and the timber industry

Workshop Product(s)

Identified project(s)

Identified leads

Identified teams

Identified milestones and time lines

Identified reviewers and time frames

State Foresters' agreement to product(s) and all associated identified items