

**Minutes**  
**Region II-III Reforestation Science & Technical Committee (S&TC)**  
**Meeting #2 – July 21, 2014**  
Bridgit/Teleconference

Attendance

Roger Burnside	Mitch Michaud
Jeremy Douse (for Will Putman)	Tom Paragi
Jim Durst, co-chair	Ben Seifert
Marty Freeman, co-chair	Trish Wurtz
Glenn Juday	John Yarie
Nick Lisuzzo	Brian Young

Unable to attend: Nancy Fresco, Doug Hanson, Teresa Hollingsworth, Amanda Robertson, John Winters

**Note:** Handouts referenced in the minutes are available from either co-chair.

**Agenda and minutes.** The Committee approved the agenda and the draft minutes from the April 29, 2014 meeting without objection.

**Public comments.** Freeman noted that comments of interest in the process were received from Larry Smith (Homer), John Strassenburgh (Talkeetna), and Joe Young (Tok). Smith had a number of questions about reforestation exemptions, planting history, and reforestation results on the Kenai Peninsula. Young expressed potential interest in presenting information from himself or his consultant, Ed Packee, at a future meeting. Juday noted that he is planning a visit to Young's operations in Tok.

**Literature search and bibliography.** The S&TC discussed the format, organization, and content of the bibliography. Comments follow.

- The bibliography generally looks good and covers relevant topics.
- Freeman consulted with Rob DeVelice of the Chugach National Forest and Libby Bella with the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge for additional references regarding the Kenai area. There are relatively few references for the Mat-Su and Copper River areas.
- The section on "Regeneration Surveys" should be expanded to "Regeneration Assessment and Technology."
- The final will include codes in the index showing the geographic location(s) of each citation.
- The symbols in front of each citation aren't readable by some computers when in Word; make sure current versions are available in pdf as well, or delete the symbols.
- Citations are organized alphabetically by author within each section; most recent papers are listed first where there are multiple citations by the same author(s).
- Freeman has consulted with LCC folks; while platform may make work more accessible it has geographic restrictions so S&TC bibliography will also need to be available in other formats.

**September 30 meeting and presentations.** The September 30 meeting will focus on overview presentations and an update on the bibliography. The following presentations are scheduled for Sept. 30:

- Amanda Robertson & Nancy Fresco: climate change in Regions II and III and how that interacts with regeneration.
- Tom Paragi and Julie Hagelin: herbivore interactions with regenerating tree species
- Teresa Hollingsworth: LTER work relevant to the reforestation S&TC
- Teresa Hollingsworth: Contact Randi Jandt about doing a fire science overview presentation.
- Glenn Juday: BAKLAP work relevant to the Reforestation S&TC; include Miho Morimoto and Andrew Allaby;

The S&TC would like to schedule additional presentations for the next meeting after Sept. 30.

- Invasive species and regeneration: Trish Wurtz and Nick Lisuzzo
- Planting results with non-native trees in Regions II-III: Possible speakers include John Alden, Glenn Juday, and Jeff Graham
- Insect and disease issues relevant to reforestation: Nick Lisuzzo
- Site preparation: Mitch Michaud and Jeremy Douse; possible additional contacts are Doug Hanson and John Winters. Andy Youngblood has also done research on chemical control of competition.
- Other info on reforestation results on state and Native land: Reports from DOF, TCC, NRCS, and landowners on results on areas not covered in the BAKLAP research.

#### **To-Do List**

- **Freeman**: Check the bibliography consistent formatting and organization.
- **Freeman**: Check with Gary Mullen (DOF) regarding additional information on the Cooper River area.
- **Douse**: Provide references for the “Insect and Disease” section on *Tomentosus*.
- **Burnside**: Check for references from Courteney Flint regarding surveys on the Kenai Peninsula.
- **Lisuzzo**: Contact Lori Winton regarding pathology references.

#### **Handouts**

Draft minutes from Meeting #1 4-29-14

Updated issues list

Working draft of annotated bibliography (sent electronically). The working draft is available online at: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/forestpractices.htm>