

TAC Conference Call Notes

September 17, 2014

In attendance: Brad Homier, New Page Corp.; Rich Bowman, the Nature Conservancy; Gary Melow, Michigan Biomass; Charlie Becker, Plum Creek; Mike McCuiston, Lowe Foundation; J.R Richardson, Traxys Power; Gerry Grossman, Grossman Forestry; Margaret Minerick, Minerick Logging

Staff and others: Kendra Everett, Senator Casperson's Office; Bill O' Neill, MDNR; Debbie Begalle, MDNR; Donna Stine, MDNR; Steve Shine, MDARD; Amy Trotter, MUCC

ERA Update

There is a need for better clarification about definitions and more communication about what/whys of this initiative. Need to be specific about what you can and can't do in the stands.

Need to have a conference call when major landowners and others are concerned with the standards, to have a discussion about FSC and its importance in the state.

Timber Sale

Staff is working on timber sales and we expect that they will meet the goal of 62,000 acres.

Forest Resources Division Position

New positions will improve capacity for data management and marketing. The position description will be distributed to the TAC prior to being released.

October TAC

We couldn't get a flight for the Upper Peninsula. The meeting will be Friday, October 17 from 10-3 at the USFS in St. Ignace. Agenda items are welcomed.