



Minnesota Counties Sustainable Forest Cooperative Procedures

2016 Beltrami County Internal Review

February 11, 2016

Attendees:

Richard A. Moore	NRM Director/Land Commissioner
DJ Bakken	District 4 and 5 Forester
Marshall Graham	District 3 Forester
Kelly Brown	District 2 Forester
Chad Jacobson	District 1 Forester
Lori Culbertson-Clark	NRM Support Tech
Shawn Morgan	Recreation Resource Manager

1. Performance Indicators

- **Audit Results and Action Plans**

- Overall, the 8 field audited timber sales looked and ranked very good to excellent.

- **Corrective and Preventive Actions**

- Continue with good pre-op meetings and emphasize any other issue(s) you feel important, timely field contract administration, and ensure communication with logging contractors.

- **Inspection Trends**

- All sales had timely and adequate inspections and inspection reports were completed every 14 days at a minimum.

- **Progress with Objectives and Targets**

- Project Plan status: continue to be kept current. Continue to review sale status and make sure it's correct and current.

- **Monitoring Results**

- See above

2. Changes in Legal and Other Requirements

- None

3. Concerns of Relevant Interested Parties

- **Inquiries from interested parties**

- MACLC, SFI, MFI, and timber industry groups make inquiries and are provided year-end volume/acreage totals regarding the level of harvest in the county.

- **Complaints**

- A logging contractor complained about an alleged underrun on a timber permit. The County Attorney, County Administrator, and County Board supported the Land Commissioner's recommendation of following contractual language and not providing a refund.

- **Input from the General Public**

- Generally routine inquiries as to what is planned when local landowners see painted trees near their property. Communication with citizens has answered questions and seemingly satisfied the landowners.

4. Review of research and scientific, technological or operational developments in the practice of forestry

MTIC Seed Orchard, golden-winged warbler (and other wildlife species) habitat improvement project.

5. Continuing adequacy, suitability and effectiveness of the Sustainable Forest Management System

- Follow the Beltrami County Forest Management Plan and SFMS procedures and adapt as necessary as newer and more current inventory information becomes available.

- FSC Principles matrix was distributed in early February and was and discussed during the February 11, 2016 staff meeting.

6. Continued suitability and adequacy of the Sustainable Forest Management Policy.

-See above

7. Observations, Conclusions

- **Improvements to the SFMS and to Sustainable Forest Management Plans**
 - Continue to monitor and adapt as appropriate.
- **Corrective Actions**
 - None
- **Action Plan**
 - Emphasize potential issues at pre-op meetings
 - Continue to update Project Plan status to reflect actual status for all Project Plans.

Minutes of Beltrami County Responsible Operator Review 2016

In attendance: Richard Moore, Chad Jacobson, Shawn Morgan, Kelly Brown, Marshall Graham, DJ Bakken, Lori Culbertson-Clark

Called at 8:20 am, February 11, 2016

Reviewed the Responsible Operators and discussed the following issues:

1. Communication, especially involving contractors beginning (where a pre-op was conducted) activities and/or leaving a timber permit area without notifying the administering forester.
2. Harvesting reserved species on a contract without any communication or approval by the administering forester.
3. Operator backing harvested trees into reserve trees and using to “limb” the trees.

Monitor these issues and any further issues with the contractors involved with the communication issues may result in removal from the Responsible Operator list. No operators removed at this time.

Operators to monitor:

Mike Paulson

Tony Lyseng

Mike Mystic

Dukek Logging

No new added Responsible Operators since the last audit.

Meeting concluded at 8:45am