



Beltrami County

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Beltrami County 2012 Internal Review

The shared meetings were called to order at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

Staff present:

Richard A. Moore	NRM Director/Land Commissioner
Jim Pietruszewski	District 5 Forester
Marshall Graham	District 4 Forester
Dick Bing	District 3 Forester
Kelly Brown	District 2 Forester
Paul Lundin	District 1 Forester
John Winter	Recreation Resource Manager
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Agenda and 2012 Beltrami County Internal Review documents were sent to all staff via e-mail and brought to the joint meeting for discussion and review.

Training: FMG training: Dick Bing completed, Paul Lundin is in the process of completing, Jim Pietruszewski needs to sign up, Dick Moore is signed up, Marshall Graham isn't due for FMG updating until 2013, but may sign up to take online course.

Safety: Ticks and being diligent about checking for embedded ticks. Two episodes of tick related diseases in the department within the last month. Purchase another field scale instrument before year's end.

PP&I: Marshall updated staff on the five (one from each county) foresters meeting held on May 29, 2012. Next meeting may be a teleconference. List of items to be determined. Dick Moore indicated they may have to prioritize list into A, B, C (need now, would be nice, and "wish" list item).

End of staff meeting

2012 BELTRAMI COUNTY INTERNAL REVIEW

1. Performance indicators

Audit Results and Action Plans

Overall, ten (10) permits reviewed and field audited looked very good. No observed rutting, minimal barked up trees, landing of appropriate size, and one incident of tops/slash in a lowland.

Corrective and Preventive Actions

Continue with very good field contract administration

Inspection Trends

Almost every sale (please see below for reasons) had inspection reports completed at a minimum every fourteen (14 days).

On one sale (#210059), no inspection reports could be found and another sale couldn't be found on PP&I (#211045).

Progress with Objectives and Targets

Project status: all projects must be kept current. Found Sales were found where the PPI status did not reflect current status. Foresters must review all projects and update to current status by COB 06/15/2012.

Monitoring Results

See above.

2. Changes in Legal and Other Requirements – none.

3. Concerns of Relevant Interested Parties

Local mills often inquire and are mostly content with the level of harvest in the county.

Logging contractors have inquired as to the availability of Section 1 Permits. Beltrami County has not issued one in years and only in a rare and specific instance would a Section 1 Permit be granted and only if it benefitted the County.

Some contractors would like to see more than three auctions per year.

Responsible Operator/Contractor review and concerns:

Affield – didn't have pre-work prior to beginning sale – Field CAR issued

Loch – county-imposed probation expires late in 2012

D&J Hinrichs, Inc. – paying on a monthly basis Letter of Credit. Has already missed one monthly deadline.

Complaints – none.

Input from the General Public

Generally, routine inquiries as to what is planned on County land when local landowners see paint near their property. Communication with citizens has mostly answered questions to their satisfaction. PTAC will review timber sales that are scheduled for Three Island Park and Movil Maze. Discussed when it is appropriate to use **Form PR2-01 Version 2 – Public Complaint or Inquiry**. Should and will use it in the case of the request of information on a sale in (or not in) the Movil Maze Recreational Area.

4. Review of research and scientific, technological or operational developments in practice of forestry: e.g.; Ash Diversification – Marshal Graham lead; MTIC Seed Orchards; LCCMR 7-County proposal: “Realizing County Forests Full Potential through Improved Inventory” – ~\$150,000/county; grouse drumming surveys; scent post surveys.

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

Follow the *Beltrami County Forest Management Plan* for sustainable harvest levels and adapt as necessary as newer and more current inventory information becomes available.

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

7. Observations and conclusions

- Improvements to the SFMS and to Sustainable Forest Management Plans
 - Continue to monitor and adapt as appropriate
- Corrective actions
 - None.
- Action Plan
 - Update all Project Plan statuses to reflect actual for all Project Plans by June 15, 2012.
 - In the future, all foresters will perform a search and update all Project Plan and CAR status when timber sales are due to Land Commissioner for auction at the end of February, June, and October of each year.
 - Monthly staff meetings will include discussing and overview of one procedure per month and one FSC® Principle per month. July 2012 staff meeting will start this process by discussing the need for LD-OP11 Boundary Line Marking V3 and the associated Beltrami County form.

The 2012 Beltrami County Internal Review was finished at 11:45 a.m.