

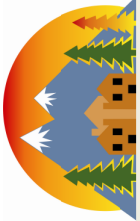
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Biomass Utilization & Slash Sites (BUSS) Team

Meeting #2 - Outcomes

November 18, 2009

Location: BLM office at 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215



Proposed BUSS Team Outline

Name

Biomass Utilization and Slash Sites Team (BUSS)

Goals (in order of importance)

1. Seek funding to conduct a biomass availability analysis
2. Work with communities implementing CWPPs to help them increase WBU
3. Develop communications on the state of biomass utilization in the Front Range; conduct outreach

Background

At the September 18, 2009 Roundtable Quarterly Meeting, the attendees voted to form a new work group focused on biomass utilization and slash sites. The team kicked off on October 29, 2009 and brainstormed strategic priorities. A groups of experts and all members of the Roundtable and NFRMPBWG were asked for feedback on priorities, and those results were discussed at the teams' November 16, 2009 meeting. The BUSS team considered more than 25 suggestions for its 2010 priorities, narrowed the list through a facilitated process of elimination to arrive at 8 attractive ideas on which the team voted. The top 3 priorities by vote count became the team's 2010 goals as shown here.

Key Activities

1. Seek funding to conduct a biomass availability analysis for 10 Front Range counties; use results to attract new businesses that are already successful out of state
2. Work with communities implementing CWPPs; identify who has received money and approach them to consider biomass utilization; find out which HOAs are working on defensible space; approach them to consider biomass utilization and help them make putting wood out for collection easier?
3. Biomass outreach and messaging (sort yard education, public acceptance, communicate efforts underway, evaluate results, briefing papers, define WBU, presentation on state of WBU, promote WBU for long term sustainability, pass communications on WBU to OEO team)

Deliverables

1. A statement of work for a funding proposal on conducting the study; potential funding sources identified
2. Demonstration partnership between a community implementing a CWPP (with ARRA funds) and the Roundtable with the goal of increasing WBU in the CWPP
3. A presentation that tells the Roundtable's perspective on WBU → for the OEO Team to include 1 – 2 slides or talking points in its communications



Suggested 2010 Priorities Considered and Prioritized

Prioritized for 2010

1. Biomass availability analysis
2. Engagement with communities implementing CWPPs
3. Communication & Outreach

Deferred until more team capacity available

4. Policy research and recommendations: biomass friendly zoning and building codes
5. Education workshops, Forestry Fair
6. Slash sites mapping and ID where needed

If major funding sources were identified...

7. Replicate the Peak to Peak model in the southern Front Range
8. Advocate for grants to defray costs of existing projects (not pilots)
9. Arrange scholarships for contractors to attend educational workshops
10. Raise funds for infrastructure investments (slash sites, mills)
11. Launch an equipment sharing program for contractors
12. Launch a revolving loan program (advocate for loan guarantees?) for contractors
13. Work with agencies to expand their NEPA capacity to ensure a predictable supply
14. Develop and implement a PR strategy to educate public on WBU benefits
15. Create an information source: compile links and funding sources



Other Suggested 2010 Priorities Eliminated from Consideration

Research

16. Research the limiting factors to WBU
17. Replicate CROP (online biomass supply and exchange info) for Front Range
18. Research biomass issues with distributed generation (heat and power) and the grid
19. Address issues on Roundtable regarding Upper Montane / Subalpine
20. Create a template for a sort yard operations manual
21. Research EPA-related obstacles to small scale WBU (need federal cooperation)

Implementation

22. Pilot a WBU-focused demonstration project
23. Connect WBU developers of pilot projects with agencies for possible supply contracts
24. Work with Xcel / USFS on treatment plans
25. Promote use of pellet stoves, help improve pellet distribution
26. Help bring a portable pellet plant to Front Range (technology exists)



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Next Team Call

Event	Format	Location	Date	Time	Purpose
BUSS call 3	Call in only	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/join/113414266 ; Meeting Password: BUSS call 866-852-1588, participant passcode: 516343	Thursday, December 17, 2009	3 - 4:30 pm	Develop a work plan to propose to Roundtable
Roundtable Quarterly Meeting: Q1-10	In person	USFS RO, 740 Simms, Golden	Friday, January 08, 2010	9:30am - 3:30pm	Get feedback on team's goals and work plan