



September 7, 2011

Dear BSP Scientific Forest Management Area Advisory Committee Members:

I Hope this message finds you well making use of the remaining long days of this month. I am looking forward to the Advisory Field Tour we have schedule for next week. We will plan to leave Millinocket in the morning by 8:30am (meeting a little bit before). Some folks may want to spend the previous night in town if they have a particularly long distance to travel. We will spend all day in the field reviewing several topics, including current harvest operations using the new fixed head processor, application of updated inventory protocols, an update on the SFMA FSC certification status, and an extended review and discussion of Riparian Management Zones (RMZ). All Advisory members are invited to continue the discussion of RMZs the following day as part of an informal meeting of the SFMA Advisory RMZ Policy Committee from 8:00-11:00am 9/16/2011.

If you wish to stay over either before or after the field day, we ask that you please make your own arrangements for hotel/camp ground. I do have a few spaces in our comfortable but shared Headquarters apartment, but it is on a first come first serve basis.

Several documents are attached to this email including:

1. Minutes from the 4/25/2011 SFMA Advisory meeting (both PDF and Word document versions attached)
2. A PDF version of the 1998 SFMA Management Plan, which was requested by the Advisory during our last meeting regarding the discussion of management objectives.
3. The final SCS report on the FSC certification assessment of the SFMA, and a related document detailing the Minor CARs and OBS assigned as part of the assessment.
4. *I will distribute a copy of the Draft RMZ policy in advance of the meeting look for a separate email.

Lastly I wanted to make everyone aware that Roy Farnsworth has recently decided to step down from his place on the SFMA Advisory Committee. As many of you know Roy has been an active member of different Park Advisory groups for more than 25 plus years. His presence will be dearly missed. We will be honoring Roy at the next BSP Authority Meeting in Augusta and hope that some of you will be able to attend.

I look forward to being in the field with all of you next week.

Don't hesitate to contact me with thoughts or questions in the run up to the meeting.

Take care

-Rick

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Baxter State Park Scientific Forest Management Advisory Committee Meeting
 BSP Headquarters Millinocket, ME.
 September 15, 2011 8:15am-5:00pm

Agenda SFMA Advisory Field Tour

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>LEAD</u>	<u>TIME</u> <u>Avail</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
<i>Welcome and Call to Order</i>	<i>Dibble/Morrill</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8:15am</i>	<i>Status of member appointments.</i>
<i>Outline of Field Day</i>	<i>Morrill</i>	<i>5</i>		
<i>Travel to SFMA via Telos Rd</i>		<i>90</i>	<i>8:30-10:00am</i>	<i>BSP Vehicles will be used to transport all members.</i>
<i>Rest Break</i>		<i>15</i>	<i>10:00-10:15am</i>	
<i>Summer Harvest Review</i>	<i>Morrill&Staff</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>10:30-11:15am</i>	
<i>Inventory Protocol Review</i>		<i>15</i>	<i>11:15-12noon</i>	<i>Discussion of summer inventory work by staff and interns and discussion of revisions to inventory program and protocol.</i>
<i>Lunch</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>12:00-1:00pm</i>	<i>Discuss FSC Audit and Re-certification Status</i>
<i>Riparian Management Zones</i>	<i>Morrill&All</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>1:00-3:00pm</i>	<i>General discussion about management of riparian areas. Review copy of Draft RMZ Management Policy. Visit 2-3 RMZ examples.</i>
<i>Travel to Millinocket via Matagonon Gate and I-95</i>	<i>Morrill</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>3:00-5:00pm</i>	<i>*If time permits we can discuss FIA trail while traveling back south passing the trail location.</i>
<i>Adjourn</i>	<i>Dibble/Morrill</i>	<i>(6.75hrs)</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	

Lunch will be provided. Please see communications from Ada Angotti (1 207 723-9500) regarding meal selection.

Thank you for your time and commitment to Baxter State Park.



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BSP Headquarters Millinocket, ME.
September 16, 2011 8:00am-11:00am

AGENDA SFMA (OPTIONAL) Advisory Brunch to Discuss RMZ Policy

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<i>Welcome and Call to Order</i>	<i>Dibble/Morrill</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	
<i>Riparian Management Zones</i>	<i>Morrill&All</i>	<i>175</i>	<i>8:00-11:00am</i>	<i>General discussion about management of riparian areas. Review copy of Draft RMZ Management Policy. Review field sites visited on 9/15/2011.</i>
<i>Adjourn</i>	<i>Dibble/Morrill</i>	<i>(3hrs)</i>	<i>11:00am</i>	

Brunch Food will be provided. Please email from Ada Angotti (1 207 723-9500) regarding any food allergies of special requests.

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