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To: Chief, Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, Deputy Chief and WO Chief Staff Directors, Job Corp Center Director

Reply Due July 30, 2009

On behalf of Mary Wagner, Regional Forester of the Pacific Northwest Region, Bov Eav, Director of the Pacific Northwest Research Station, and myself, Regional Forester Alaska Region, we are proud to announce the *U.S. Forest Service National Sustainable Operations Summit: Leading By Example, Toolkit for Success* October 27-29, 2009. Travel will take place on Monday and Friday of that week. The location of the face-to-face meeting and command center for the virtual component of the Summit will be at the Robert Duncan Plaza in Portland, Oregon.

We hope you will set aside these dates to share lessons learned about sustainable operations, and explore innovative and exciting opportunities to incorporate sustainability into your professional and personal life. A draft agenda and submittal for success stories/poster sessions and awards are enclosed. This is the fifth annual Sustainable Operations Summit for the Forest Service.

Following the example set by the Madison Summit last year, we will have a large virtual component, including the Forest Service Job Corp sites. This will enable people in other locations to participate via a combination of video conferencing (VTC), web meetings and other technologies. There will be a face-to-face component of this meeting with 150 people representing a wide spectrum of units and occupations joining us in Portland. This year we have expanded our VTC to 76 sites. In order to bring the Summit to as many people as possible, we are gauging interest in participation in the 2009 Summit, whether in person or virtual. Please fill out the attached form designating a Regional/Station/Area/Job Center Director contact and email to Mona Spargo at mspargo@fs.fed.us by June 30th.

The steering committee welcomes participation from across the Agency and its partners, whether it involves setting up a satellite location in your area or assisting with a specific task or topic. Further information will be posted on the Sustainable Operations Summit website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/sustainableoperations>. Please contact Mona Spargo at (907) 743-9572, mspargo@fs.fed.us or KJ Silverman at (503) 668-1749, ksilverman@fs.fed.us for more information. You can check out Summit updates on Twitter—<http://twitter.com/2009SuOpsSummit>

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Draft agenda

Participation Form

Call letter for success stories & award nominations