

Peer Review Form

Influential Scientific Information - OR - **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

Agency: USDA Forest Service

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kurt H. Riitters

Title of Study: Decline of forest interior conditions in the conterminous United States

Purpose of Study: Evaluate trends of forest interior area from 2001 to 2006 to better inform assessment of biodiversity impacts from forest fragmentation

Type of Review: Panel Review Individual Reviewers
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Estimated Date for Completion of Review: Completed 30 November 2011

Number of Reviewers: 3 or fewer 4 to 10 More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Forest inventory / Remote sensing / Landscape Ecology. Three reviewers were skilled in the scientific aspects of the study, and three others evaluated it from a policy perspective. The review package submitted for local clearance contained only two of the reviewers; others were added during the clearance process. It is expected the journal will provide an additional level of review.

Reviewer names and affiliations:

Dr. John Coulston, USDA Forest Service, R&D,
Dr. Brad Smith, USDA Forest Service, R&D
Dr. Kevin Potter, North Carolina State University
Dr. Danny Lee, USDA Forest Service, R&D
Dr. Kier Klepzig, USDA Forest Service, R&D
Dr. Rob Doudrick, USDA Forest Service, R&D

Expected publication outlet:

Science (or similar peer reviewed journal)

Other: In addition to reviewers listed above, manuscript will be subject to the peer review process of the target journal

