

The Forestry Research Advisory Council (FRAC) met on February 20 & 21, 2014 in Washington DC. FRAC is a 20 person advisory committee that advises the Secretary of Agriculture on McIntire-Stennis Programs and on Forest Service research programs. Presenters included Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Robert Bonnie; Sonny Ramaswamy, Administrator for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA); Ven Narella, USDA Director of Congressional Affairs who discussed the Research Title of the 2014 Farm Bill; Jim L. Reaves, Deputy Chief for Research and Development (R&D), discussed the Update on USDA Forest Service R&D budget outlook and priorities; Michael Goergen, Director, P3 Nano, U. S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities; Jamie Barbour, Team Lead for IM&A National Implementation; Resource Use Sciences staff Director, Carl Lucero, discussed the Virtual Center for Natural Resource Economics Research; Dan Cassidy, NIFA National Program Leader for Bioenergy and Biobased Products; and Catalino Blanche, NIFA McIntire-Stennis Program Leader. The Forest Service manages FRAC in coordination with NIFA. Deputy Chief Jim Reaves is the Executive Secretary, and Daina Apple is the Designated Federal Official for FRAC. The meeting was supported by Sharon Parker, who helped with logistics and note taking, and Cat Whitteker, who organized travel for FRAC members and provided technical assistance during the meeting. The current member roster of FRAC is attached.

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