Forestry Research Advisory Council Meeting (FRAC)

October 20-21, 2015

Sidney Yates Building
USDA Forest Service National Headquarters
201 14th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20250

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Agenda

October 20

Civilian Conservation Corps Room (PNW04)

8:30-8:35  Safety and Hospitality
Catherine F. “Cat” Whitteker, Staff Assistant, Knowledge Management and Communications Staff, USDA Forest Service

8:35-8:45  Welcome and Introductions
W. Stephen Hart, Designated Federal Official (FRAC), Senior Staff Assistant, Deputy Chief for Research and Development, USDA Forest Service

8:45-9:00  Review agenda and meeting logistics; solicit nominations for chair-elect
Cassandra Moseley, FRAC Chair

9:00-9:20  Directions and priorities at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) in response to the National Academies’ report
Sonny Ramaswamy, Director, NIFA, USDA

9:20-10:00  FRAC discussion with Dr. Ramaswamy regarding the National Academies’ report

10:00-10:20  BREAK

10:20-11:00  Charter review and ethics training
Mr. Hart

11:00-11:20  Introduction and updates regarding McIntire-Stennis,
Catalino Blanche, National Program Leader, Division of Environmental Systems, NIFA, USDA

11:20-12:00  FRAC discussion with Dr. Blanche regarding McIntire-Stennis

12:00-1:00  LUNCH
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October 20 (cont’d)

Civilian Conservation Corps Room (PNW04)

1:00-1:20 Update on USDA Forest Service R&D budget outlook and priorities
Carlos Rodriguez-Franco, Acting Deputy Chief, R&D, USDA Forest Service

1:20-2:00 FRAC discussion with Dr. Rodriguez-Franco regarding R&D budget

2:00-2:30 FRAC discussion on coordination between FRAC and the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board (NAREEB)

2:30-3:00 Review list of possible letter topics from last meeting and identify new possible topics

3:00-3:30 BREAK

3:30-3:50 Emerging data management systems and requirements for USDA internal and extramural research, coordination with universities, and big data
Simon Liu, Associate Administrator, USDA Agricultural Research Service

3:50-4:30 FRAC discussion with Dr. Liu regarding data management

4:30-4:40 Review the plan for tomorrow

4:40 ADJOURN FOR THE DAY
Agenda

**October 21**

Fire Camp (PNW05)

8:30 – 8:35 Review the plan and overview for the day  
Dr. Moseley

8:35-9:00 FRAC discussion to develop the list of possible topics for letter to the Secretary

9:00-9:20 NAUFRP and forestry school perspectives on McIntire-Stennis  
**Keith Belli, Professor and Head,** Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, University of Tennessee (Knoxville) and **President-Elect, NAUFRP**

9:20-10:00 FRAC discussion with **Dr. Belli** regarding NAUFRP perspectives

10:00-10:20 **BREAK**

10:20-10:40 Departmental perspectives and updates on wood utilization: tall buildings, advanced manufacturing and other strategies,  
**Patrick Holmes, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary,** Natural Resources and the Environment, USDA  
**Steve Marshall, Assistant Director, Cooperative Forestry Staff,** USDA Forest Service

10:40-11:20 FRAC Discussion with **Mr. Holmes and Mr. Marshall** regarding wood utilization

11:20-12:00 FRAC discussion on prioritizing items for the letter

12:00-1:00 **LUNCH**

1:00-3:30 Draft letter to the Secretary in breakout rooms  
FRAC Members

3:30-4:00 FRAC discussion of process and next steps

4:00 **ADJOURN**