

# Forestry Research Advisory Council Meeting (FRAC)

October 20-21, 2015

Sidney Yates Building  
USDA Forest Service National Headquarters  
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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**

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### 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**