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REE Action Plan for USDA Science

- Drafted in response to 2008 Farm Bill
- Quarterly internal reporting
- Annual public reporting
 - 2012 report posted on REE website
- Goal teams comprised of interagency subject experts
- 7 priority goals



REE Action Plan Goals

- Local and Global Food Supply and Security
- Responding to Climate and Energy Needs
- Sustainable Use of Natural Resources
- Nutrition and Childhood Obesity
- Food Safety
- Education and Science Literacy
- Rural Prosperity/Rural-Urban Interdependence



Forest Service R&D involvement in REE Action Plan

- Goal 2A—Responding to Climate Variability
- Goal 2B—Bioenergy/Biofuels and Biobased Products
- Goal 3A—Water Availability: Quality and Quantity
- Goal 3B—Landscape-Scale Conservation and Management



Recent Collaborative Successes

- Development of soil amendments to compensate for biomass removal
- Development of best practices for management of forests for bioenergy production
- Development of user-friendly tools to determine riparian buffer placement to enhance water quality functions



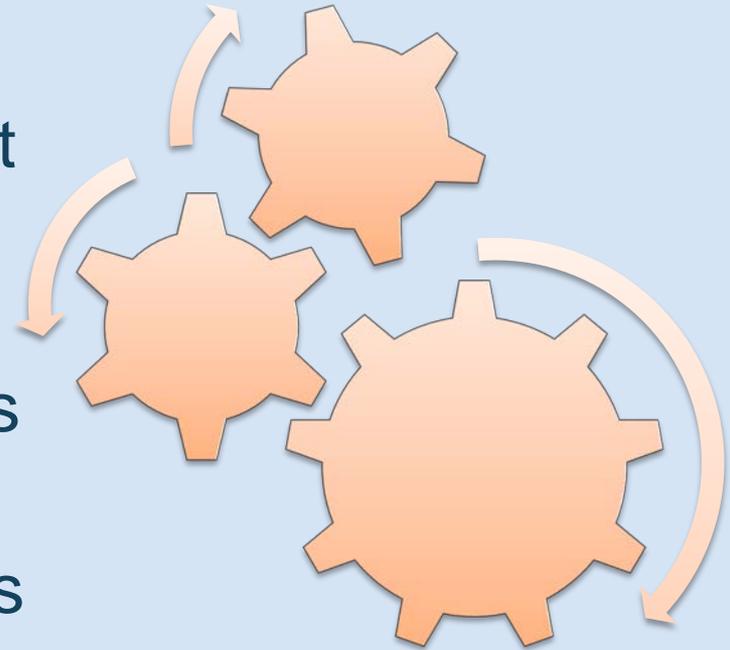
REE Action Plan Evaluation

- Plan intended to be flexible and periodically reviewed for relevance
- Goal teams are preparing to undertake first formal review
- External review is critical part of process
- FRAC input welcome during external review



Inter-Departmental Cooperation

- REE Action Plan outlines multiple areas of mutual interest and cooperation
- Quarterly internal reporting helps maintain forward progress and provides current status
- Annual public reporting provides transparency and accountability





Going Forward

- These have been tough years
 - Losses of mandatory money, earmarks
- In 2013 REE funding has declined 7.8% as a result of the continuing resolution and sequestration
- But we have important work ahead