



2008 Focus Group Resolutions

Management Team Decisions
And Current Status

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Aerial Survey 2008 Resolutions

Aerial Survey / Disturbance Tracking

Resolution#1

Whereas, it has been 10 years since the National Reporting Standards for Aerial Survey have been established,

Be it resolved, that we review and update the National Standards.

Recommendation to FHM MT: to assign a group including FHTET, GIS, and ADS representatives to review and update the National Standards.



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Resolution#2

Whereas, current National PTIPS list is conducive to error and confusion, ADS & specialists shall work together to update PTIPS list/rename damage agent list and codes to better address biological complexes (list needs maintenance).

Recommendation to FHM MT: assign a group including Entomologists and Pathologists to complete this work.



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Resolution #3

Whereas, it is acknowledged that current ground check guidelines meet intent of honing ADS observer skills, the guidelines shall be made available to all regions and states (it is recognized other ground check methods are beneficial).



Aerial Survey
MT Decision/Current Status

Res 1: Accepted. Frank Sapio leading effort to update Aerial Survey national standards ;

Res 2: Accepted. Manfred Mielke chaired team that has reviewed national damage code list;

Res 3: Accepted. Ground survey guidelines are online:

www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/aviation/pdfs/ADS_grdchk_guide_formV2.pdf



Climate Change and Forest Health Focus Group **Resolution 1**

The FHM program reaffirms the importance of lichens and other FIA Phase 3 (P3) indicators to monitor the effects of forest stressors, including climate change. FHM and FIA as partners re-emphasize the need to continue collecting data associated with P3 indicators.



Climate Change and Forest Health Focus Group **Resolution 2**

The FHM Management Team (MT) should commission report(s) that demonstrate the statistical power of FIA P3 indicators to detect change (and to the extent possible, the effects of climate change). Protocols for organizing such analyses might be similar to the process used to produce the Quality Assurance analyses of P3 indicators.



Climate Change and Forest Health Focus Group

Resolution 3

The FHM MT should commission an assessment of the risk of climate change and related susceptibility to genetic degradation, extirpation, or extinction of North American tree species. This should include recommendations about which trees to monitor and how to monitor them.



Climate Change and Forest Health Focus Group **Resolution 4**

The FHM Program should identify information gaps and locate historical data sets and metadata relevant to climate change and forest health in order to develop a strategy to preserve these data and make them accessible.



Climate Change and Forest Health Focus Group **Resolution 5**

The FHM MT should actively solicit climate change Evaluation Monitoring (EM) proposals to help fill in gaps identified in EM synthesis (e.g., zero growth isoclines).



Climate Change and Forest Health Focus Group **Resolution 6**

The FHM Program should review and modify the 2004 FHM Analysis and Reporting Plan to add a Communication Plan that:

- 1) conveys the results of FHM analyses, emphasizing how they relate to socially relevant issues such as climate change;**
- 2) promotes FHM as a major player regarding the effects of climate change on forests;**
- 3) and encourages international cooperation with our partners in Canada and Mexico to expand climate-related risk assessments and forest health analyses to include the entire North American continent.**



CLIMATE CHANGE
MT DECISIONS/STATUS

- Res 1: Accepted. Rob Mangold sent letter to Ann Bartuska identifying research priorities for FHP, including the need to continue support of all P3 indicators in FIA;
- Res 2: Accepted. Bill Bechtold completed a power analysis of Crown Indicator – presented at 2008 FIA Symposium;
- Res 3: Accepted. Kevin Potter, RPT, developed EM Proposal for FY09 which was selected by EM Review Panel;
- Res 4: Accepted. Jeri Lyn Harris developed legacy data questionnaire; legacy data being addressed in draft FHP Information Management Strategy;
- Res 5: Accepted. Climate Change moved to top of EM priority issues list;
- Res 6: Accepted. Briefing Paper on FHM climate change related activities being developed.

Ground Survey Focus Group

RESOLUTION#1

Whereas, an operational Pest Event Database (PED) was recently disseminated by FHP for pest condition reporting of 2007 data, there is need to seek input from internal/external partners on how to improve PED to better document pest events.

Be it resolved, during 2008 the FHM management team form a subcommittee to solicit input and suggest improvements for entry of the 2009 data.



Ground Surveys 2008: Resolutions

Ground Survey Focus Group

Resolution #2

Whereas, responses from the ground survey questionnaire suggest opportunities to expand use of ground survey data in national reporting

Be it resolved, during 2008 the FHM management team form a sub-committee to identify commonalities among those ground surveys with protocols that can easily be incorporated into national reports and maps.



Ground Survey Decisions/Status

Resolutions 1 & 2: Accepted.

- Jim Steinman leading effort to capture ground survey data in NE Area first, with the hope to expand to other Regions in near future.
- Working with FHP-WO to incorporate ground survey data into PED.
- Will link with Risk Map Model Development Team effort.