



Turtle Mountain Landscape Forest Stewardship Plan

Working Group

4-26-2022 9:00 AM via Teams



Working Group Members Present:

Liz Smith – Committee Chair, NDFS

Kevin Kading, ND Game & Fish

Cody Clemenson, NDFS

Jodi Delozier, NDSU Extension

Guests:

Steven Collins, BIA Forester

Craig Brumbaugh, NRCS Forester

1. Stakeholder engagement survey

- WG reviewed and finalized survey. Kevin shared an article on “conservation words that work”. Liz will review and replace key words as needed. Survey will be open until August 31, 2022. Reminder will be sent with Tour invitation.
- Distribution Strategy will be two mechanisms: 1) Digital email with link to survey to be distributed broadly to groups, list serves, social media, etc. 2) Traditional media – ad with QR code and link to be in local newspapers, FSA newsletters in Rolette and Bottineau Counties, rural delivery postcard.

2. August TMR Tour

- Tour is set for **August 4, 2022**. Question on survey will ask respondents to indicate interest and preferred time. May do two tours – one AM and one PM. 3-4 stops, 15-20 minutes each stop, with 15-20 minutes travel between stops. Liz asked TMBCI Tribal NR if they would like to host a stop on wood utilization. Will integrate focus group into tour.

3. Plan Writer RFP

- Liz has drafted and sent to NDFS leadership for review. Will then go to NDSU Purchasing. Hope to have it posted in May.

4. LFSP Website

- WG discussed having a website address that can be easily shared in print material. Liz noted that adding it to the NDFS website or other NDSU-hosted website would make a very long .url. Kevin commented they had the same issue with the Meadowlark Initiative. Liz will contact NDSU ITD and ask them what they recommend.

5. Rollete County Ruffed Grouse Initiative

- Craig Brumbaugh presented information about the Ruffed Grouse Initiative in Rolette County. The project is SCD-led with TMBCI as a partner. They are in the very early stages of the project and are concentrating on TA at this time. The Ruffed Grouse Society has provided them with good information on establishing grouse habitat. They hope to have some demonstration sites for various Timber Stand Improvement techniques. TMBCI has a sawmill and would like to utilize the harvested wood.

6. Additional Discussion

- Steve Collins shared that a continuous inventory consisting of 50 plots has been conducted on Tribal lands. There was a Forest Management plan written in 2014 and is currently being updated with 2021 plot data. Steve will share the plan and plot data with the WG.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday May 31, 2022 via Teams

ACTION ITEMS

Liz – finalize survey and distribute to members.

Notes Prepared by Liz Smith