



Turtle Mountain Landscape Forest Stewardship Plan
Working Group
12-16-2022 9:00 AM via Teams

Working Group Members Present:

Liz Smith – Committee Chair, NDFS
Cody Clemenson, NDFS
Jodi Delozier, NDSU Extension
Kevin Kading, ND Game & Fish
Deric Deuschle, SEH Inc.

1. NDFAC meeting December 15th in Bismarck was cancelled due to blizzard. TMR-LFSP WG was on the agenda to provide an update.
2. SEH Staff toured the Turtle Mountain Region on 11/30/2022 with NDFS Staff. Deric provided a brief summary of some observations:
 - The region is varied (forest type, condition, etc.) and stakeholder goals are diverse.
 - Stakeholders are enthusiastic about the planning effort, but unsure what their role will be.
 - Even-aged Bur Oak monotype present management challenges.
 - Forest overall is not severely degraded. This can make it more challenging to set measurable goals.
3. Stakeholder engagement will begin after the New Year.
4. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a final rule to reclassify the northern long-eared bat as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The bat, listed as threatened in 2015, now faces extinction due to the range wide impacts of white-nose syndrome, a deadly disease affecting hibernating bats across North America. The rule takes effect on January 30, 2023.

Action Items:

Jodi & Kevin - Create a one-page summary of the August tour survey and focus group results.
Cody - Distribute one-pager to tour email list.

Next Meeting:

January 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM via Teams

Notes Prepared by Liz Smith