



Turtle Mountain Landscape Forest Stewardship Plan
Working Group
5/12/2023 9:00 AM via Teams



Working Group Members Present:

Liz Smith – Committee Chair, NDFS
Jodi Delozier, NDSU Extension
Kevin Kading, ND Game & Fish
Erin Budrow, SEH Inc.

Guest: Lezlee Johnson, NDFS

1. Plan Progress Update, Erin:

- Nearing completion of Phase 1
- Stakeholder Engagement
 - 22 interviews completed
 - 2 additional planned for next week
 - Waiting for questions to be returned via email from 2
 - TMBCI provided EA and forestry inventories
 - TNC provided some online mapping resources they use for the region
 - Working on getting Canada contacts from TNC and NR Trust
 - Currently summarizing interviews to compile and compare results to reveal the most frequent occurrences of concerns, goals, etc.

2. ND Forestry Council Meeting, June 6, 2023

- NDFAC Meeting will be in Bottineau at Cobblestone Inn
 - Liz will provide update on Plan progress to NDFAC

3. Turtle Mountain Forest Field Tour, June 5-8, 2023

- USFS State & Private Forestry staff (Forest Stewardship, Forest Legacy, Urban & Community Forestry) will be in Bottineau for the NDFAC meeting; NDFS Stewardship Staff will be providing a field tour, including:
 - Butte St. Paul
 - Completed windbreak renovation
 - Aspen management at Wakopa WMA
 - Turtle Mountain Community College Anishinabe Campus

4. Forest Stewardship Workshop, June 7, 2023

- Workshop planned in response to requests for more information from participants at the 2022 Tour.
 - Forest Stewardship overview
 - Forestry equipment
 - Tree ID, Forest Inventory
 - Interpreting forest inventory results
 - Forest management

5. Forest Management for Wildlife. Kevin will coordinate with Cody to send an email inviting wildlife-focused NGO's and partner agency staff for the Forest Stewardship Workshop and Wakopa WMA Walk & Talk, with time for discussion of forest management for wildlife.

6. Announcements. Liz is leaving NDFS to go to graduate school; her last day will be June 9, 2023. Lezlee Johnson will replace Liz as Chair of the Working Group.

Next Meeting:

July 14 at 10:00 AM via Teams

Notes Prepared by Liz Smith