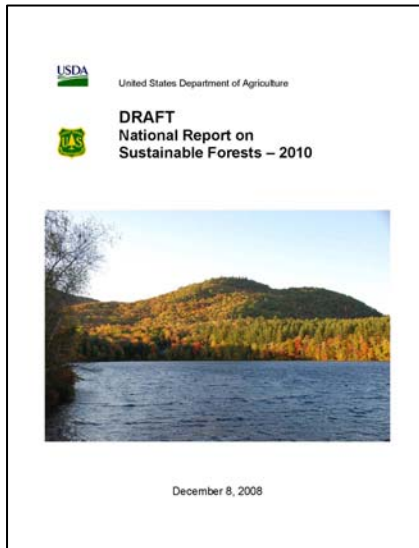




Roundtable on Sustainable Forests

A Partnership for the Future

Draft *National Report on Sustainable Forests - 2010*



In December 2008, the US Forest Service released the draft *National Report on Sustainable Forests - 2010* for review and comment over a 120-day period. This draft is the second report in a series that began in 2003, and gauges the sustainability of our nation's forests using the Montréal Process Criteria and Indicators (MP C&I) as an organizing framework. **New to this edition are: fresh data that illustrate changes during the last five years and provide more regional detail; new indicators that better reflect contemporary concerns; and examples of recent applications using the MP C&I to foster sustainable forests.**

This report reflects the work of a team of almost 30 Forest Service scientists and staff, and reports on conditions and trends in our nation's forests using the 7 criteria and 64 indicators of the Montréal Process. The report contains 2-page summaries for each of the 64 indicators, showing current conditions and recent trends. It also

contains analyses of significant conditions, highlights important issues, and describes recent activities at local, State, and regional levels for improving sustainable forest management.

The Draft *National Report on Sustainable Forests - 2010* informs dialogue about contemporary forest issues. Climate change, increasing bio-energy and bio-fuels production, and the loss of forests and the ecosystem services they provide are three of the most important issues that will affect the sustainability of forests in the United States of America in the coming years. Not only are these problems each important in their own right, they are inter-related and they involve issues outside as well as inside the forest sector. Consequently, integrated approaches are needed to improve forest sustainability—approaches that combine and coordinate policies in other sectors with policies in the forest sector as well as approaches that simultaneously deal with all three issues.

National Review Workshops:

Draft National Report on Sustainable Forests - 2010

The Roundtable on Sustainable Forests is pleased to announce a series of three workshops aimed at increasing stakeholder involvement and input into the *National Report on Sustainable Forests - 2010*. This draft report is part of a

Review Workshops:

- 1. February 4 and 5, 2009, Denver, Colorado**
- 2. February 24 and 25, 2009, Athens, Georgia**

At each of the first two workshops, a day and a half will be spent gathering input on the content of the draft Report, both in small and large group settings.

- 3. March 23, 2009, Washington DC**

The third workshop will be a half-day event designed to review policy implications of public comments received at the two earlier workshops.

continuing and evolving commitment to the promotion and attainment of sustainable forest management in the United States, the quest for which is shared by many government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, private businesses, and literally millions of individuals who own or manage forests in rural and urban areas. These workshops will be an opportunity for representatives from each of these groups to discuss the current state of our nation's forests as gauged by the draft report, and to make suggestions on how to improve the report and on the next steps towards achieving sustainability. Information on how to register for these workshops is found at the end of this announcement.

Why attend the review workshops?

Broader and deeper dialogue is needed inside and outside of the forest sector about the future of our Nation's forests and the forest policies and management actions that are needed to promote sustainable forest management. The forest community will need to engage with a broader and more diverse group of interests outside the forest sector—in the climate policy arena; in the energy development policy arena; and in the finance, marketing, emissions trading, and carbon offsets arenas. The Forest Service cannot do this alone. The combined efforts of public forest agencies, non-governmental organizations, landowners, and the public are needed to conserve and sustainably manage the Nation's forests in the presence of these issues.

Workshop participants will:

- Hear about the draft Report from the scientists and staff responsible for its production;
- Provide direct feedback to those authors responsible for the Final Draft;
- Learn about opportunities for your organization/institution to adopt and adapt the MP C&I as a meaningful measure of sustainability;
- Engage in sustainability dialogue with representatives from other government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, private businesses, and landowners.

For more information:

- Download the draft National Report on Sustainable Forests – 2010 at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/research/sustain/2010SustainabilityReport>
- Visit the Roundtable on Sustainable Forests website at: <http://www.sustainableforests.net>
- With questions regarding the meeting contact Sarah Walen by email at skwalen@merid.org or by phone at 970-513-8340, extension 221
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