



Status Report

Date: June 1, 2012

Subcommittee: Northeast RSC

Accomplishments Since Last Report:

The Northeast Region completed the Regional Barriers/Critical Success Factors Worksheet which identified the top five barriers and/or critical success factors facing the NE RSC, and provided it to the CSSC. The NE RSC met with the NSAT in Milwaukee WI, May 15-16 to develop “preliminary” alternatives and performance measures last week. The NSAT and representatives from the Northeast will continue viewing available science/data to quantify the performance measures and further refine the alternatives. There will be a face to face meeting in a location TBD, July 10-12. We are encouraged by the progress; the efforts between the Region and NSAT have been excellent. Last week, through NAASF, the NE RSC contracted with Larry Mastic to serve as NE RSC Coordinator for Phase III work. Larry is a retired Deputy Director for the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area State & Private Forestry. One of Larry's first assignments is to assist the NE RSC in establishing a communications and outreach work group, develop a communications plan for the group, designate a leader, and either hire or dedicate expertise among the Cohesive Strategy partners.

Planned Activities for Next Reporting Period:

We will be working with the NSAT reviewing science and developing/refining alternatives and performance measures, which will be an ongoing endeavor. The NE RSC reviewed a communications and outreach briefing paper on its regular conference call May 24th, and decided how to proceed with establishing our Communications Working Group and acquiring technical support. The Northeast RSC continues bi-weekly conference calls and continues participating in the CSSC and WFEC scheduled calls. We will be reviewing the “preliminary” alternatives and performance measures that we received from the NSAT on May 24, and looking for RSC and Working Group feedback as we work with NSAT. Once the Phase III Analysis Report template is finalized, the NE RSC Working Group will begin the “boilerplate” completion of the document.

Issues Identified:

None

WFEC Decisions/Approvals Needed:

None

References:

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