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Today's Agenda

- Roll call
- Review and approval of TWG Call #2 Summary
- Report on June 5 CAT Meeting
- Identification of priority options for analysis
 - Process
 - Compiled balloting results
 - Discussion/agreement on priority options
- GHG mitigation option template
- Development of straw design proposals
- Draft GHG emissions inventory & projections
- Next Steps for TWGs
- Agenda, Time and Date for Next Meeting

Report on June 5 CAT Meeting

- Forestry Catalog approved by CAT with
 - A few added comments and elaborations (highlighted in the catalog)

Identifying Priorities for Analysis

- Voting based on CAT approved catalog
- Ballots submitted by June 15, indicating priorities and adding comments as needed, ballots compiled by CCS
 - Voting results will be distributed by email prior to the call
- On today's call, TWG discusses ballot results as starting point to:
 - Further modify or consolidate (or split up) catalog items
 - Agree on priority options for further analysis
 - Retain catalog as source for additional options if/as needed later during the process
- CAT reviews/approves priorities at Aug 7 CAT meeting

GHG Mitigation Option Template

- See handout
 - Provides consistent format for all TWGs to present information on priority policy options
 - Used in stepwise format to develop “straw proposals” for priority options

Developing straw proposals

- TWGs develop “straw proposal” text for policy description and design
 - for discussion at 4th TWG meeting for some (or all) of the identified priority options
 - for approval of some, if complete, at Aug 7 CAT
- TWG members volunteer to assist in developing specific straw proposals
 - working via email/phone over next 2-3 weeks
- (Time permitting) Begin discussion of policy description and design on today’s call

Update and comments on draft GHG emissions inventory & forecast

- USFS provided more detailed estimates for forest carbon
- Totals are the same as before
- Data provided by east- and west-side and national forest and non-national forest classes
- Some more information on WestCarb methodology

Forest C Estimates

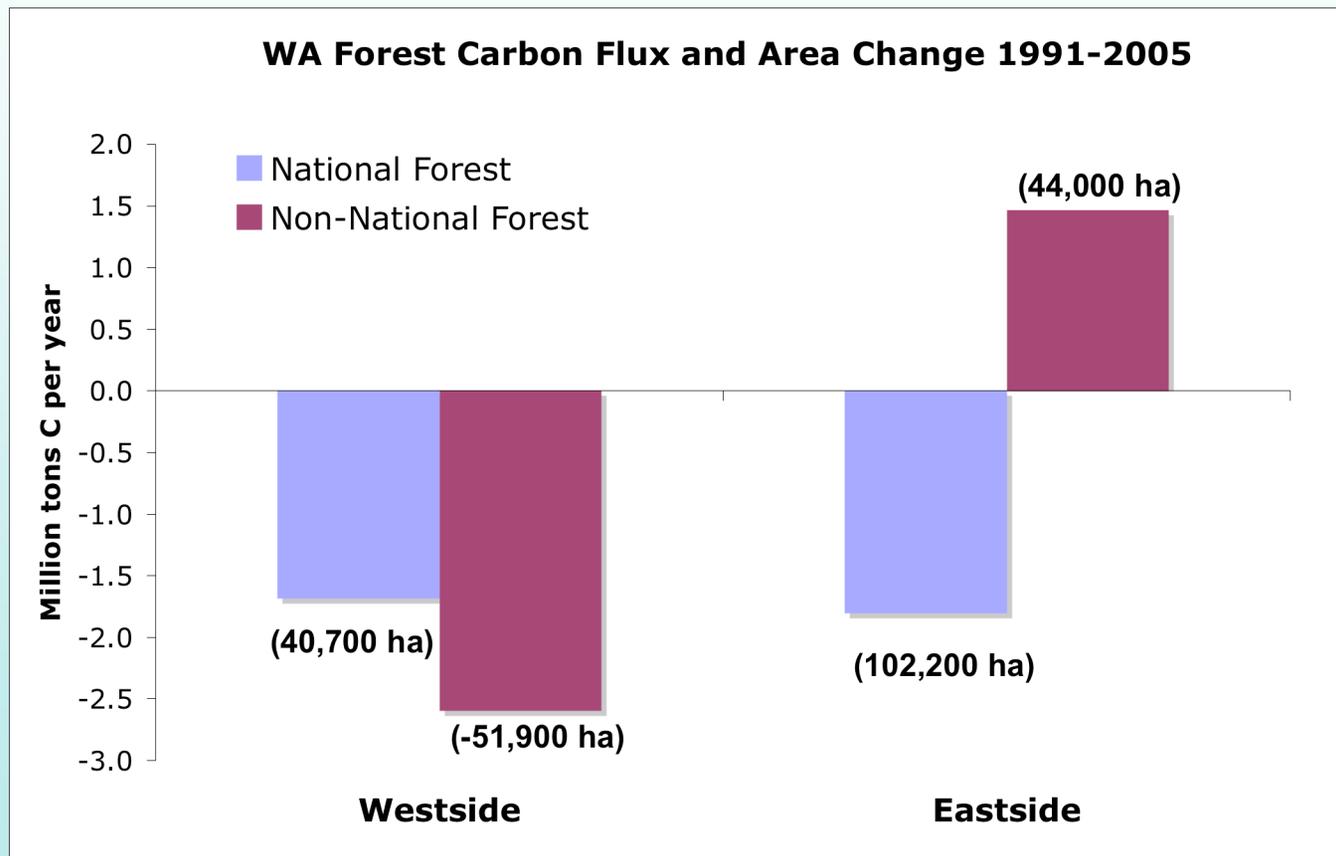
Annual Carbon Flux (MtC/yr) from 1991-2005

	Westside			Eastside		
	National Forest	Non-National Forest	Westside Total	National Forest	Non-National Forest	Eastside Total
Live Tree	-1.66	-1.63	-3.29	-1.44	1.45	0.00
Standing dead	0.24	-0.10	0.14	-0.13	0.00	-0.13
Understory	-0.03	0.01	-0.01	-0.06	-0.04	-0.10
Down dead	-0.21	-0.24	-0.46	-0.17	0.15	-0.01
Forest floor	-0.02	-0.63	-0.65	0.00	-0.09	-0.10
Soil organic C	-0.82	-0.30	-1.12	-0.62	-0.38	-1.00
Total (w/o HWP)	-2.51	-2.89	-5.40	-2.42	1.09	-1.33
Total (w/o HWP & SOC)	-1.68	-2.59	-4.27	-1.80	1.47	-0.33

HWP estimate is statewide only = -3.2 MtC/yr

WA total (w/ HWP and w/o SOC) = -7.8 MtC/yr (-28.6 MMtCO₂e)

Summary of Forest C by Region and Ownership



Westcarb Report

- WestCarb Sequestration Report
 - Forest Loss:
 - 245,000 hectares from 1987 – 1997 (0.27%/yr)
 - 117,500 hectares from 1997 – 2003 (0.22%/yr).
 - Gross Emissions:
 - 12.6 MMTCO₂e/yr (1987 – 1997)
 - 10.3 MMTCO₂e/yr (1997 – 2003)
 - Based on email exchange with report author, Westcarb only accounts for carbon in live tree pool and is a conservative estimate
- USFS estimate for live trees only = -12.1 MMTCO₂e/yr

Next TWG Call

- Agenda:
 - Review/develop initial straw proposals for priority options
 - Further review of the emissions inventory and projection if/as needed
- Date/time for Call #4:
 - Tuesday, July 18, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

