

STATUS OF SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS IN THE U.S.
AND THE STATUS OF THE ROUNDTABLE ON SUSTAINABLE FORESTS

- I. Sustainability – Brundtland Commission definition commonly accepted
 - A. Important elements
 - 1. Integration of environmental, economical and community interests
 - 2. Cross-sectoral considerations
 - 3. Geographical considerations
 - B. Sustainability – a pathway
 - 1. Not a specific, long-term target
 - 2. A choice or range of feasible, accepted courses
 - 3. Pathway bounds or borders – policy guidelines and constraints
 - 4. Choice of particular course is political
 - 5. Change – unpredictable but certain
 - C. National interest in sustainability
 - 1. International efforts
 - 2. Federal programs
 - 3. National Governor’s Association

- II. Status of the Roundtable on Sustainable Forests (www.sustainableforests.net)
 - A. Organization – charter and work plans
 - B. Programs/Projects
 - 1. Criteria and Indicators – 2003 Report
 - 2. United Nations Forum on Forests – proposals for action
 - 3. World Summit on Sustainable Development – September 2002
 - 4. Forest Certification

- III. Commonalities – RSF, SRR, SMR, SWR
 - A. Opportunities
 - 1. Benefits of working collaboratively with others interested in sustainability
 - 2. Strong support from most practitioners and many environmental organizations
 - 3. General interest and support from government at national, state and local levels
 - 4. Significant need for and benefit from cross-sectoral and geographic considerations
 - B. Challenges
 - 1. Lack of resources (money)
 - 2. Keeping top level leadership informed and involved
 - 3. Perceived and real land use conflicts
 - 4. Cross-sectoral communication

- IV. The Need for An Umbrella Organization or Network
 - A. Loosely knit together natural resource roundtables
 - B. Coordination
 - C. Capture common opportunities
 - D. Solve common challenges
 - E. Identify and work on solution of potential conflicts

- V. Summary

Presentation Outline

Sustainable Range Roundtable

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