

## FOREST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2018

### **FMAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Bill Manson, Michigan Snowmobile Association  
Mr. Warren Suchovsky, Suchovsky Logging (a.m. tour only)  
Mr. Gary Melow, Chair – Michigan Biomass  
Ms. Ellen Holste, Pierce Cedar Creek Institute  
Ms. Debbie Begalle, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)  
Ms. Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Clubs of Michigan (via conference call)

### **FMAC ADVISORS PRESENT**

Ms. Leslie Auriemmo, United State Forest Service, Huron-Manistee

### **PUBLIC PRESENT**

Ms. Sue Tangora, MDNR  
Mr. Jason Hartman, MDNR

#### I. **Welcome** – Gary Melow

**Chair Melow** welcomed all present to the July 11, 2018 Forest Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) meeting and asked all members to introduce themselves. The newest member, Ms. Ellen Holste, was attending her first meeting.

#### II. **Consent Agenda**

- July 11, 2018 meeting agenda approved unanimously.
- April 4, 2018 FMAC meeting minutes approved unanimously.

#### III. **Terrestrial Invasive Species State Management Plan** (Sue Tangora, MDNR)

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Ms. Tangora. The plan is 20 pages with the last 6 being the implementation plan. This is the first of its kind in Michigan for terrestrial invasive species. The Midwest Invasive Species Network (MISIN) app is available to report invasives or use info onsite, and to get alerts if something is reported in your area, etc. CISMA is a good contact and they receive MISGP grants. For more information go to [www.michigan.gov/invasivespecies](http://www.michigan.gov/invasivespecies).

#### IV. **HRD Update**

Training coming up in August for loggers in the recognition and treatment of HRD on DNR sales. Under the plan, loggers can continue to harvest in winter where the disease is present, but stumps would need to be treated during the other seasons.

#### V. **TAC Update**

Working on metrics for goals. The next meeting is August 17, 2018 in Escanaba, in conjunction with the Upper Peninsula State Fair. Development of a goals and objective dashboard continues to be a high priority.

#### VI. **Bat HCP Update** (Dan Kennedy, MDNR)

The first three chapters are done. What if the bat gets listed before the plan is approved? Need to work with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. An updated timeline for completion later

this week. Dan recommending that after chapters 4 and 5 are completed, Dan gave a presentation on what's included in the draft and took comments

VII. **PA 288-** UP & Southern Lower Peninsula are having their roads inventoried and classified this summer. A revision process for NLP is rolling out next week. That process includes a web-based and paper forms for people commenting on sections of roads that are open or closed to ORV's, trail conditions or related matters.

VIII. **Snowmobile Trail Permits** – sales were up 10,000; off-road vehicle trail permits are increasing.

IX. **FMAC Member Program Updates**

- **Leslie Auriemmo, USFS Huron-Manistee**
  1. The USFS is proposing roads be open to OHV use unless posted closed.
  2. They need to go through the NEPA process for Huron-Manistee. This pertains to the roads on vehicle access map.
- **Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Clubs**
  1. Chronic Wasting Disease is the current focus.
  2. There was an annual convention last month and they have a couple of new staff members.
  3. There have been staff changes for the on-the-ground program; Hunter Salisbury and Gourmet Gone Wild.
- **Gary Melow, Michigan Biomass**
  1. Consumers Energy's Integrated Resource Plan proposes changing the models used to set rates for the biomass plants, changing from natural gas to rates based on competitive bids. That plan:
    - a. Looks at demand response to reduce usage
    - b. Went from a 10-year planning window to 3 year.
    - c. Rates are still estimated to decrease.
    - d. The document is 1500 pages.