



2013 WISCONSIN FOREST PRACTICES STUDY MONTHLY UPDATE

September 2015

Summary

In January 2015 two projects were awarded. *'The Scale and Cost of Seasonal Harvesting Restrictions in Wisconsin'* was awarded to the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point (UWSP) and *'Economic and Ecological Effects of Forest Practices and Restrictions on Wisconsin's Forest Resources and Economy'* was awarded to the Forest Guild. These projects will address research Topic #2, *What are the economic and ecological consequences (costs/benefits) of selected aspects of forest policies, regulations and guidelines in Wisconsin?* The UWSP project is scheduled for completion on February 1, 2016 and Forest Guild project scheduled for completion December 31, 2015. Abstracts for each project can be found on the WFPS website at <http://study.wisconsinforestry.org>

The *'Wood Supply Chain Component Cost Analysis; A Comparison of WI and U.S. Regional Cost'* project was completed in December 2014. GLTPA and WCFA, the WFPS Grant recipients, agreed to amend this project to update the results by adding another year of data. The new results will reflect data for two years; 7/1/2013 –6/30/2015. The updated report will be completed by November 30, 2015.

On August 21st the COF WFPS Sub-Committee meet with Dr. Steven Prisley and his research team to review the preliminary results of *'Wisconsin Wood Supply Assessment'*. Based on this review, the Sub-Committee provided input to potential Spatial Wood Supply Simulator (SWSS) model scenarios. Scenarios discussed where simulating harvest restrictions (i.e. oak wilt, T&E species) and changing wood availability thresholds to evaluate the impacts to the baseline scenario. The specifics of each scenario will be better defined by Dr. Prisley for review prior to proceeding. It is likely that the project will need to be extended from the end of 2015 into early 2016 to accommodate the modelling of the approved scenarios.

ACRONYMS/ DEFINITIONS

COF – Wisconsin Council on Forestry

Forest Practices – WDNR policies, regulations and guidelines.

GLTPA – Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association

JCF – Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance

RFP – Request for Proposal

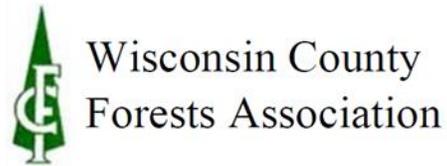
WCFA – Wisconsin County Forests Association

WDNR – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

WFPS – 2013 Wisconsin Forest Practices Study

NCASI – National Council on Air and Stream Improvement

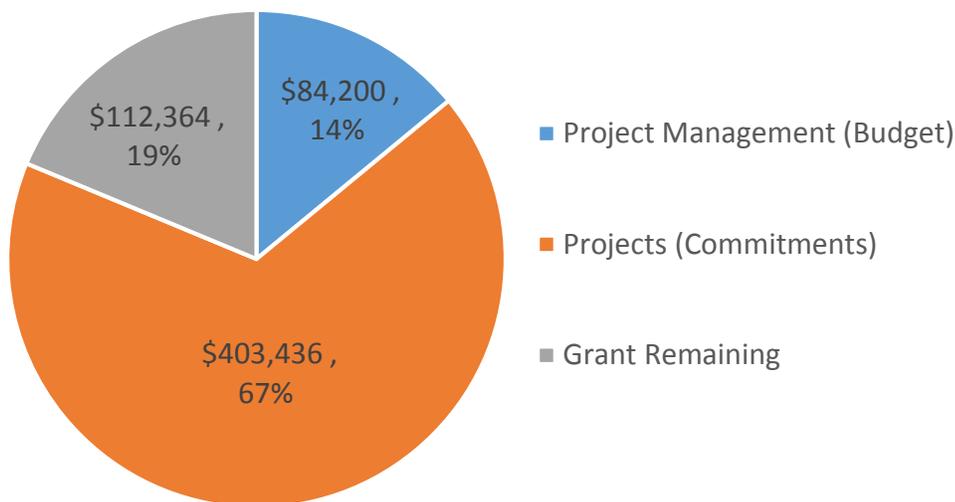
T&E – Threatened and Endangered



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Budget



In-Kind Hours and Value

Since the Study began, organizations and individuals have reported 301 hours of in-kind service valued at \$15,300. This is a conservative number as all organizations and individuals have not all reported their in-kind service hours.

Schedule

In September the 'Wisconsin Wood Supply Assessment' SWSS modelling scenarios will be finalized. The revised 'Wood Supply Chain Component Cost Analysis; A Comparison of WI and U.S. Regional Cost' will be completed by the end of November, 2015. Quarterly project updates from the principal investigators continue for their respective projects to ensure the projects remain on schedule and will meet their objectives.

More information about the WFPS can be found at the WFPS website <http://study.wisconsinforestry.org>.