Governor's Conference on Forestry - Land Use Theme

Dear Governor's Forestry Conference participant:

You have registered to attend a concurrent work session entitled "Managing the Impacts of Changes in Wisconsin's Land Use and Forest Ownership" on Wednesday, November 10th from 8:00 until 12:30. At this session we will be addressing how to prevent and mitigate forest fragmentation and parcelization. The leadership team for this session has established three goals to help us meet the objective of minimizing and preventing forest fragmentation and parcelization.

Our work at the session will focus on choosing priority actions to achieve those goals.

In order to get good participation and feedback from session attendees and to be able to use our time wisely on the 10th we are asking all people currently registered for this session to fill out a web survey on priority actions regarding this topic. The list of potential actions was generated by a diverse land use leadership team that has been organizing this session. Now, we would like you to weigh in on what you think should be the priority actions. We will calculate the results prior to the conference and present priority actions that reflect the opinions of the large range of participants registered for this session.

Please complete and submit the survey by noon on Wednesday, 11/3/04, so that we have time to calculate the results for the conference.

Thank you for registering for our session and for taking the time to fill out the survey.

See you at the conference,

Lisa MacKinnon Theme Champion--Land Use Governor's Forestry Conference

Instructions for using Decision Matrix

There are three goals with a total of fifty actions. The decision matrix takes approximately thirty minutes to complete.

1.) Fill in your Name	2.
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2.) Give each action a rating of LOW | MEDIUM | HIGH by selecting one of its corresponding buttons.

Guidelines for ranking a criterion as HIGH.

- **Immediate:** If the action isn't done soon, the opportunity to accomplish it will be lost.
- Effective/Critical: This action will be a key step in achieving the goal, or without it, the goal is

unachievable.

- Feasible: The action can be accomplished with given or expected resources.
- **Acceptable:** There is unlikely to be significant/insurmountable political, public, NGO or government agency controversy. There are groups who will actively advocate for this action.
- **Affordability**: The cost to accomplish the action is reasonable (especially in relation to effectiveness) and there are available funding sources, or likely sources to accomplish it, or there are groups willing to work towards finding funds.
- 3.) If you would like to retain a hard copy of your answers print this page before saving.
- 4.) Click save to submit your answers.
- 5.) View results to see how conference attendees as a whole completed the matrix.

If you would like to suggest an additional action that is not listed in the matrix, please email your suggested action under the subject heading "additional decision matrix actions" to <u>Lisa MacKinnon</u> by November 3rd. We will have a list of these additional suggestions at the session.

Goal: Maintain and expand viable tracts of forest land	Don't Know	Imi	ned	iate		ectiv		Fe	asil	ole	Acc	epta	able	Affo	rdab	oility
for ecological, economic and social values.	Skip Action	Low	Med	High	Low	Med I	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High
Policy actions 1. Create a task force to position public and private conservation buyers to be competitive players when important lands are on the market.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Create a governor's task force on industrial forest retention.		\circ	\bigcirc	\circ		\bigcirc	\circ	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc						
3. Use the mill tax dollars for acquisition of working forest conservation easements or fee simple acquisition of inholdings.	0	0		\circ		0	0			0	0		0	0	0	\circ
4. Create a forest program like the Rivers and Lakes protection grants programs.	0		0		\bigcirc		\bigcirc	0	0	\circ		\bigcirc	\circ	0		
5. Allow counties enrolled in the county forest law program to utilize Stewardship funds for land acquisition.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Enact tax incentives for forested lands (capital gains, property and income taxes).	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc		0			0	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0	0	

7. Consider use value assessment for forest lands.8. Assess a statewide impact	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0		\circ
fee, sharable with local units of government, for parcelization that results in parcels of less than 40 acres of forestland.	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
9. Utilize Federal Forest Legacy and Land & Water Conservation programs to fully leverage State Stewardship funds.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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10. Create a Forest Landowner Incentive fund for covering the transaction costs of conservation easement donations.	0	0		\circ		0	0		0				0	0		\circ
Outreach & public opinion research actions																
11. Continue to educate policy makers re: public benefits of forests / forestry	\circ	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	0	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			
12. Promote the use of the Managed Forest Law.		\bigcirc		\bigcirc			\bigcirc			\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
13. Encourage sustainable forest management in water recharge areas.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			\bigcirc					\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	
14. Develop and promote small industries for forest products.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc			\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
Planning actions 15. Commission and fund a cost of community services study relative to forest land vs. developed land.	0	0	0	\circ		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0	\circ	0	0	\circ	0		
16. Encourage counties to develop stewardship and Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) programs.	0	0		\circ		0	\circ		0	0			\circ	0	0	
17. Provide recommendations for development in forested areas (e.g.,: Locate roads and other facilities to minimize fragmentation, limit rezoning or spot zoning, maximum lot sizes for residential development, cluster	0	0	0		0		0	0			0	0		0	0	0

development, forest zoning districts) 18. Analyze effects of restrictions on local units of government's timber harvesting.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19. Encourage new county forests.			\bigcirc	\bigcirc			\bigcirc			\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc			
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Other actions 20. Promote working forest language in conservation easements.	0	0	0	\circ		0	\circ	\bigcirc	0	0	0	0	\circ		0	\bigcirc
Other actions that need more																
clarification 21. Obtain adequate network of DNR, County, and industry foresters to meet landowner objectives.	0	0	0	\circ		0	\circ		0	0	0	0	\circ	0	0	\circ
22. Promote voluntary collaboration among forest landowners to maximize economic, ecological and social values of forest (e.g., coops, tree farm families, collective timber sales).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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the need to prevent forest fragmentation and parcelization.	Skip Action	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High
Policy actions 1. Provide information at time of sale to new forest landowners about sustainable use	0	0		\bigcirc		0	0	0		0			\bigcirc	0	0	\bigcirc
2. Commission a white paper study on economic impact of parcelization and loss of industrial forest land to be distributed to all stakeholders	0	0				0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	\circ
to share with policy makers. 3. Support tradable markets for forest services (e.g. carbon). Outreach & public opinion	0	0		0		0				0				0	0	

research actions 4. Educate people about products they use and their																
connection to forest management.							\bigcirc			\bigcirc						
5. Promote forest recreation advantages.6. Use WI trails, DNR	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0		0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
magazine, other media to educate about multiple forest uses and value of forest resources to many constituencies.	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Educate the public about wildland/urban interface issues, especially fire hazards.	0	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0		0	\circ	0	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\circ
8. Continue to support k-12 education programs (LEAF, Trees for Tomorrow, etc.) and include education on forest fragmentation.	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9. Support and promote private organizations' forest education programs (e.g., WWOA's "Walk in the Woods", etc.)	0	0	0	\circ		0	0		0	0	0	\bigcirc	\circ	0	0	
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cross-boundary cooperation on forestry zoning and other programs.	0		0		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\circ			\circ
15. Include forests in community plans.		0	\bigcirc		0	0	\bigcirc	0	0	\bigcirc	0		\bigcirc			
Sub-Goal: Identify economically, ecologically	Don't Know	Imı	ned	iate		ecti ritic	ve/	Fe	asil	ole	Acc	epta	able	Affo	rdab	oility
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Outreach & public opinion																
research actions																
1. Evaluate and consider important forest land in																
regional context.																
2. Benchmark along desired																
outcomes-are we actually																
achieving from these lands				\bigcirc			\bigcirc			\bigcirc			\bigcirc			
what we want to get out of																
them?																
3. ID what economic or other																
factors drive landowners to "parcelize" or fragment their				\bigcirc			\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc						
land																
4. Education on forest-water					_											
connection.				\bigcirc		\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc				
Inventory & analysis actions																
5. Develop a statewide GIS																
layer for land ownership.		\cup	\cup	\cup	\cup	\bigcup	\cup	\cup	\bigcup	\cup	\cup	\bigcup	\cup		\bigcirc	\cup
6. Use existing inventories /																
assessments and integrate into																
GIS technology to identify key																
lands on which to focus. These																
may include:																
a. Land Legacy																
Report				\bigcirc						\bigcirc			\bigcirc			
b. TNC's eco-																
regional plans																
c. K. Ritters forest																
fragmentation studies of the U.S.																
d. USFS special																
analysis.																
7. Identify corridors using GIS																
travel path analysis.										\cup			\bigcup			\bigcirc
Planning actions																
8. Identify water recharge																
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9. Identify unique lands, where parcelization or fragmentation would mean lost opportunities for land protection.	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	0		0	0	\circ	0	0	0
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ecologically & socially important forest lands.	Skip Action	Low	Med	High	Low	Med High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High
10. Pair development and protection zones so that we have an identified land use continuum.	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	0	\bigcirc	0	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
11. Prioritize the qualities to be protected.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	00		\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
12. Coordinate MFL with certification systems.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	00		\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc				
Other actions 13. Define "important" and "truly unique" forest land based on scientific, cultural and other criteria and create a classification system based on these definitions.	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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