

# **Sustainable Operations Board of Directors - 12/17/ 07**

## **Attendees:**

Anna Jones-Crabtree – Sustainable Ops Coordinator  
Glenda Wilson – Director of Eng, R2  
Traute Parrie – District Ranger Red Lodge, R1  
Brent Botts – Ranger Pikes Peak Ranger District  
KJ Silverman =

## **Footprint Document Update**

Got a good response from the field... a small group of people from the Footprint Team have spent marathon time on a sametime/conf call session last week to flesh out the outline for the National Footprint Report. The work group agreed there will be two main documents: the national footprint report (short and concise) and a 'moving forward' document (sustainable ops strategy – a way to take lessons learned forward and ingrate with other requirements. )

Glenda and Anna need to talk with Jacque to figure out who is going to pull this together for FY08... how does this have a life beyond this year.

## **GSA Meeting**

Glenda met with with Mike Lowell, Scott Conner and Tim Horne from the Denver Federal Center GSA Office on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Glenda discussed in depth the list that the board brainstormed at their last meeting. GSA can help other agencies make progress on meeting EO requirement. Areas of focus will include:

- Decoupling utilities from FS and GSA Leases
- Fleet - how do we acquire the most environmentally friendly fleet that still meets our agency mission
- Development of composting facilities at the Federal Center - how to do and how for FS to be involved, link with USDA Ag Research Center at Beltsville, MD
- Expanding our recycling to non-traditional items, including glass pulverizers, propane canisters, etc.
- Green purchasing expanding knowledge of what is available, but also working with suppliers to reduc the amount of packaging and possible takeback strategies of products that have reached the end of their life.

Mike and some of his staff was able to attend part of the summit.

Glenda has Jim Moe tied into these contacts since he is working on the future new R2 RO building.

## **Council Update**

Still do not have clear information on the USFS Sustainable Ops Council. Still need to identify how to connect this council with the agency council? Need to have an integrated dialog....

## **Update on Utility Tracking**

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R1 – Tums Mgr talked with George, and added a few accounts.  
R2 Energy Mgmt team will be contacting George to also pilot.

## **Round Robin**

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Glenda shared some info about the R2 ESPC contract.

KJ – R6 Climate Change strategy group – charter and subcommittee coming out soon. Several subcommittees. KJ is the group leader for the sustainable ops subcommittee. Will have a board of directors for this strategy group. Planning for a climate change workshop in May. Sustainable Ops – FY08 outcome is to help R6 meet the performance standards. Want to present a sustainable ops workshop format for the field earlier than May. Green Teams are spreading on their own. There is still some challenges about integrating sustainable ops so it's not just another initiative. How do we interact with each other?

KJ – Host FY09 Sustainable Ops- no firm answer back yet. Recognize that there are lots of variables with costs. Briefed Cal, Liz and Cindy about the summit- well received, KJ will present at the Monday morning staff mtg. Other linkages to be made with the state... goes back to place-based networks. Glenda - Individual states have areas where we could be engaged – both operation and in resource mgmt. We can help states be successful.

Glenda – how to begin to better nest all the linkages / sustainable ops, climate changes etc.?

Anna - EPA Climate Leaders workshop 4 of us attended from the pilots... provided some feedback to Jacque about how to pull the ghg emission inventory together.

Anna – National Sustainable Ops Website, up on the web portal, log on, go to mission/values page, on right hand side is the sustainable ops link.... external site to be up in February....

Glenda – discussion about conf call with USDA Facilities Work Group 10% of annual energy costs in contracts in ESPC or EUSC for the Forest Service – equates to approx \$9.5 million for USFS using USDA numbers. Also raised concern about integration with other footprint areas...

## **Next Call Date/Time and Topics**

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- Utility Tracking Update (Anna need to follow-up with Steve)
- Integration with FS Council... how to do?
- Footprint Document / Moving Forward Document Update
- Round Robin
- January 17<sup>th</sup> 3:00 mst 866-711-2564 passcode 4706520