

2008 Forest Service SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS SUMMIT Agenda

Walking the Talk: Reducing our Environmental Footprint

November 18-20, 2008

Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, WI

Objectives:

- To tackle climate change by connecting sustainable operations and sustainable resource management
- To share stories, ideas and resources that will help us reduce our environmental footprint and identify areas for further work
- To open dialogue on policy issues in sustainable operations across geographic, organizational, and agency boundaries, and link policy to practice
- To support local or regional involvement in place-based sustainable partnerships
- To model green meeting practices, including the use of technology to reduce the environmental impacts of travel

All times are CST

Monday, November 17

Travel and set up

Tuesday, November 18: The National Perspective

- 9:00 am** **Welcome from Eastern Leadership** (*Video conference*)
Chris Risbrudt, Kent Connaughton, Kathy Maloney, Michael Rains
- 9:30 am** **National Sustainability Vision of the Forest Service** (*Video conference*)
Abigail Kimbell, Forest Service Chief
- 10:00 am** **Break**
- 10:15 am** **Keynote speaker** (*Video conference*)
Frances Westley, Author of *Getting to Maybe* and J.W. McConnell Chair in Social Innovation, University of Waterloo
- 11:15 am** **National Sustainability Leadership Panel** (*Video conference*)
Moderators: Anna Jones Crabtree and Glenda Wilson, Forest Service Region 2
- 12:15 pm** **Lunch**
Recommended activity: Green Team success stories in local gatherings
- 1:00-2:15 pm** **Concurrent Sessions I: Reducing our Footprint**
(3 Web & phone conferences¹)

Energy I : Reducing Energy Consumption	Water	Waste
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2:15 pm Break

2:30-3:45 pm Concurrent Sessions I: Reducing our Footprint (repeat of above sessions)
(3 Web & phone conferences)

Energy I	Water	Waste
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3:45 pm Local events
Exhibits, tours and social event (Madison attendees)

Wednesday, November 19: Local and Regional Perspectives

8:30 am Keynote speaker (Video conference)
Paul DeLong, Wisconsin State Forester, *Steady State Sustainability*

9:15 am Break

9:30-10:45 am Concurrent Sessions II: Reducing our Footprint (3 Web & phone conferences)

Energy II: Renewable Energy	Transportation	Green Purchasing
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10:45 am Break

11:00 am-12:15 pm Concurrent Sessions II: Reducing our Footprint (repeat of above sessions)
(3 Web & phone conferences)

Energy II	Transportation	Green Purchasing
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12:15 pm Lunch and Local Events

2:00 pm Speaker OR continuation of tours

Speakers via video conference 2:00-4:00 pm CST <i>Water Management, Ecosystem Adaptation and Biofuels</i> , Dr. Steve Running, University of Montana	Madison tour stops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest Products Lab tour• Leopold Legacy Center tour• Dinner and awards ceremony in Baraboo
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Thursday, November 20: Working Together for Sustainable Communities

9:00-10:30 am Concurrent Sessions III: Walking the Talk Together

Sustainable Building Design: Leed Certification <i>(Video conference)</i>	Climate Policy <i>(Web/phone)</i>	Engaging Youth and Communities <i>(Web/phone)</i>
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10:30 am Break

10:45 am -12:15 pm Concurrent Sessions IV: Walking the Talk Together
(3 Web & phone conferences)

The Science of Sustainability	Tribes' Perspective on Sustainability	Sustainable Landscape Design
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- 12:30 pm** **Lunch**
Summit evaluations
- 1:30 pm** ***Extreme Environmental Footprint Makeover Premiere (Video conference/DVD)***
Joe Alexander, Deer River RD and Grand Rapids High School youth
- 2:15 pm** **Break**
- 2:30 pm** **Keynote speaker: (Video conference)**
Dan Shilling, Director of The Civic Tourism Project, *Civic Tourism: Aldo Leopold and Politics of Place*
- 3:30 pm** **Summary of Summit Highlights (Video conference)**
- 3:45 pm** **Closing message (Video conference)**
Kent Connaughton, Regional Forester, Eastern Region
- 4:30 pm** **End of official summit activities**

ⁱ Concurrent sessions will be shared via Web Ex net meetings with conference calls for audio. Video conference sites will have the sign on information for each session and will coordinate sharing of this information to avoid exceeding conference call capacity.

