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### **Indiana Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee Meeting**

September 22, 2014 Training Center, Morgan-Monroe State Forest, IN

#### ***Attendees***

City of Carmel: Daren Mindham

Hoosier Environmental Council: Tim Maloney

Hoosier Hikers Council: Phil Wilcoxson, Bonnie Wilcoxson

Indiana DNR, Fish & Wildlife: Josh Griffin

Indiana DNR, Forestry: A.J. Ariens, Tiffany Arp, Dan Ernst, Joey Gallion, Chris Gonso, Nathan Fishburn, Scott Haulton, Brenda Huter, Duane McCoy, John Seifert, Zach Smith and Phil Wagner

Indiana DNR, Nature Preserves: John Bacone

Indiana Forest & Woodland Owners Association: Liz Jackson and Raoul Moore

Indiana Forest Alliance: Myke Luurtsema, Jeff Stant

Indiana Hardwood Lumberman's Association: Ray Moistener

Indiana Wildlife Federation: Erin Baird, Olivia Day

Indiana Society of American Foresters: Brian Gandy

Indiana Tree Farm Program: Ken Day

National Wild Turkey Federation, Indiana Chapter: Bud Dennemann

Private Forest Owners: Bill Hoover, Tom Hougham

Purdue University FNR: Shadi Atallah, Dan Cassens, Songlin Fei, Brian Murray

The Nature Conservancy, Indiana Chapter: Dan Shaver

US Forest Service, Hoosier National Forest: Mike Chaveas, Mary Schoeppel

*All presentations posted on committee website.*

#### ***Welcome & Introduction***

John Seifert, State Forester, IDNR – Division of Forestry

#### ***State and private lands forest inventory update (FIA and CFI Plots)***

Joey Gallion, Forest Inventory Specialist, IDNR – Division of Forestry PowerPoint Presentation: *Indiana Forests 2013 and beyond*

### **Northern Long-Eared and other forest bats**

Scott Haulton, Forestry Wildlife Specialist, IDNR – Division of Forestry

Presentation: *Bats, Forest Management, and the Endangered Species Act*

### **Hoosier National Forest updates**

Michael Chaveas, Forest Supervisor, Hoosier National Forest, USDA Forest Service

Presentation: *Hoosier National Forest updates*

### **Forest Archeology**

A.J. Ariens, Forest Archeologist, IDNR – Division of Forestry

Presentation: *Archaeological Resources in Indiana's Forest Lands*

Division of Forestry updates: Cooperative Forest Management, Forest Legacy

Brenda Huter, Stewardship Coordinator, IDNR – Division of Forestry

No projects will move forward this year. You may receive request for comment from auditors for green certification standards. Classified Forest & Wildlands Program is going strong. Program rules are being changed to regarding definitions of wildlife habitat and wildlife biologist as well as what land descriptions are required. There will be a public hearing in Indy in October at the Natural Resources Commission meeting.

The public hearing on the rules changes for the Classified Forest and Wildlands Program is October 27, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., at the Indiana Government Center North, 100 N Senate Ave, RM N501, Indianapolis, IN. Here is the link to the proposed changes to the rules <http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/20140917-IR-312140294PRA.xml.pdf>.

### **Timber theft & best management practices**

Duane McCoy, Timber Buyer Licensing Forester, IDNR – Division of Forestry

Presentation: *Enforcement Strategies for the LTB Law*

### **Forestry & natural resources YouTube series**

Phil Wagner, Assistant State Forester, IDNR – Division of Forestry

Presentation: *Television/YouTube Project*

Brainstorm of additional topics yielded the following list for consideration: grazing impacts, pruning, estate planning, value added, land trusts, why management practices are important, making trails, attracting wildlife to watch, getting kids in woods, alternative recreation topics like geocaching, old growth forests, ecosystem services, ticks, history in your woods, neighbors/trespass, economic history, effects of high-grading, forest management on military bases, new woodland owners – 10 most

important things, available help for woodland owners, state property highlights, intro to IFOWA, and how to manage stiltgrass.

Send other input, suggestions to: [pwagner@dnr.in.gov](mailto:pwagner@dnr.in.gov)

**The Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment: functional diversity**

Bryan Murray, Post Doc Research Associate Purdue University, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

Presentation: *The Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment: Functional Diversity*

**Roundtable Reports**

**Indiana Forest Alliance:** Jeff Stant

IFA is interested in State of Indiana not logging. IFA wants to be seen as part of the forest products community and also facilitate public involvement in State Forest management.

**Purdue FNR:** Shadi Atallah

He is a new faculty member, economist with FNR. He is interested in ecosystem services, ecological impact of pests, and wood products.

**National Wild Turkey Federation, Indiana Chapter:** Bud Dennemann

NWTF spent \$41,000 on habitat conservation and \$47,000 on land acquisition. Part of acquisition is near Clark & Jackson-Washington State Forests

**Indiana Wildlife Federation:** Erin Baird

IWF is working on intern program and habitat program.

**Indiana Forest & Woodland Owners Association:** Raoul Moore

IFOWA's annual meeting will be November 7-8, 2014 at Turkey Run State Park.

**Hoosier Environmental Council:** Tim Maloney

HEC is focusing on clean energy, water quality, land use and transportation. The annual Greening the Statehouse event will be on Saturday, October 25, 2014 in Indianapolis. Gasland documentary film director is keynote speaker.

**Purdue University FNR:** Dan Cassens

Faculty is involved in extension appointments and they are going to focus on invasive species issue and increasing electronic communication.

**Purdue University FNR:** Songlin Fei

FNR is reaching out regarding landowner perspectives on invasives. Purdue FNR is involved in State Wildlife Action Plan stakeholder engagement. There will be 6 regional planning meetings.

**Hoosier Hikers Council:** Phil Wilcoxson

Hoosier Hikers Council builds and maintains trails mainly in Morgan-Monroe and Yellowwood State Forests. Also they worked in Eagle Creek park and starting one soon at Downy Hill in Brown county.

**IDNR- Division of Forestry, Properties Section:** Dan Ernst

They are conducting open house events. Open house at Ferdinand State Forest will be in October.

**IDNR – Division of Fish & Wildlife:** Josh Griffin

Healthy Rivers Initiative website has a link to the Hoosier Outdoor Experience.

**The Nature Conservancy:** Dan Shaver

Thanks to the Division of Forestry for hosting stiltgrass training day and following up on treatments.

**Division of Forestry, Community & Urban Forestry:** Tiffany Arp

CUF distributed its draft 5 year plan to committee members and is requesting comments to [Tarp@dnr.in.gov](mailto:Tarp@dnr.in.gov)

Please send recommended changes to these draft meeting notes to the Indiana Division of Forestry via email.