

SRI Master Stewardship Agreement Project – Region 9

Sustainable Resources Institute, Inc.

Sustainable Resources Institute (SRI)

- Established in 2005 as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation

Sustainable Resources Institute (SRI)

- Original Board of Directors
 - Tom Steele – UW-Madison, Kemp Station Manager
 - Gene Francisco – GLTPA, Executive Director
 - Don Peterson – Renewable Resource Solutions,
President

Sustainable Resources Institute (SRI)

- **Current Board of Directors**

- Tom Steele – UW-Madison, Kemp Station Manager
- Wendy Gehloff – Florence County Economic Development, Director
- Jane Severt – Wisconsin County Forests Association, Executive Director

Completed Projects

Woody Biomass Harvesting Expo	2009
Life Cycle Analysis	2012
Hazardous Fuels & Woody Biomass Utilization Summit	2013
Governor's Economic Forestry Summit	2013

Ongoing Projects

Lead	
MI Master Logger Certification	2005
WI Master Logger Certification	2008
FSC® Forest Industry COC Certification	2010
FSC® Landowner Group Certification - SFRM	2010
SAWW Training	2012
Forest Type Growth Acceleration Modeling Program	2013
Forestry Educator Summit	2014
Master Stewardship Agreement – Region 9	2014
National Woody Biomass Summit	2014

Ongoing Projects

Partner	
Forester Training in Northwest Wisconsin	2014
State Wood Energy Team	2014
Bringing Urban Forestry Full Circle	2014

WEDC – CNNF Project

- WEDC contacted Grow North about initiating stewardship project with CNNF, Grow North declined.

WEDC – CNNF Project

- SRI signed an agreement with WEDC in October, 2013 for a six month project to increase management on the CNNF

WEDC – CNNF Project

- SRI is and always has been a Wisconsin Corporation administered by Renewable Resource Solutions, LLC, which was based in Florence, Wisconsin until November, 2006 then moved to Crystal Falls, Michigan.

SRI CNNF Stewardship Steering Committee

Name/Title	Company/Organization	Role
Paul Strong – Forest Supervisor	Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest	Partner
Curt Wilson – District Forestry Leader	Wisconsin DNR	Partner
Henry Schienebeck – Executive Director	Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association	Partner
Jane Severt – Executive Director	Wisconsin County Forests Association	Partner
Angi Schroiber - Executive Director	Growth North	Partner
Gary Zimmer – Coordinating Biologist	Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS)	Partner
Jeff Groeschl – Member	Wisconsin Consulting Foresters	Partner
Cate Ramlow – Industry Sector Manager	Wisconsin Economic Development Corp	Partner
Wendy Gehlhoff - Chair	Sustainable Resources Institute, Inc.	Partner
Dan Corullo - Member	Lake States Lumber Association	Partner
Scott Bowe – Wood Products Specialist	University of Wisconsin - Extension	Guidance
Rusty Damm – Program Manager	Forest Products Lab	Guidance

Short-term Plan of Work

1. CNNF Steering Committee: prioritize issues/concerns to be addressed by SRI
November, 2013
2. Review and develop structure for Stewardship Agreement with the CNNF
December, 2013
3. Research utilization of stewardship contracts and agreements nation-wide
 - a) Prepare report
January, 2014
4. Draft and formalize a Stewardship Agreement proposal for submission
March, 2014
5. Partner with pertinent entities to identify qualified applicants for specific contract activities
 - a) Develop a database of contractors by activity/job
 - b) Develop a Stewardship contractor handbook
 - c) Develop sample contracts
 - d) Conduct at least one Stewardship contract training session
March, 2014

Master Stewardship Agreement
between the
Sustainable Resources Institute, Inc.
and the
USDA Forest Service – Region 9

Supplemental Project Agreements

- Include language stating that the SPA will be made a part of this Master Stewardship Agreement
- Include a map and description
- Specify a method of designating trees for removal
- Describe the desired end result of the project(s)
- Specify the exchange of goods and services
- Designate a US Forest Service and SRI official to monitor responsibilities outlined in the SPA
- Identify appropriate bonding requirements
- Include any necessary forest restrictions and closure dates

Supplemental Project Agreements

- Provide necessary directions to SRI to ensure compliance with appropriate laws and regulations
- Identify any reporting requirements
- Be reviewed and approved by a delegated timber contracting officer when forest products will be disposed
- Be reviewed and approved by a US Forest Service Grants & Agreements Specialist
- Be mutually agreed to in writing by both parties

Issues of Concern

- Sales marked under an SPA automatically become stewardship sales, under current USFS policy
 - CNNF is requesting a waiver on this
- Federal wage provisions for stewardship agreements were deleted from the current Farm Bill

SPA – 1 Timber Sale (Goods)

Cutting Unit	Comp	Stand	Activity	Treatment Acres
2	5128	1,2	Aspen Clearcut	10 (7, 3)
3	5128	4	Hardwood Individual Tree Selection (Improvement)	25
4	5128	3,7	Aspen Clearcut	12 (4, 8)
5	5128	8	Hardwood Thin	4
6	5128	6	Hardwood Thin	4
7	5128	18	Aspen Clearcut	9

SPA – 1 Timber Sale (Goods) Con't.

Cutting Unit	Comp	Stand	Activity	Treatment Acres
8	5128	29	Hardwood Individual Tree Selection (Improvement)	49
9	5128	18	Aspen Clearcut	9
10	5128	22	Aspen Clearcut	9
11	5128	16	Hardwood Individual Tree Selection	65
12	5128	17	Aspen Clearcut	7
13	5128	13	Hardwood Thin	4
14	5128	22	Aspen Clearcut	10
15	5128	22	Aspen Clearcut	8

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AGREED ON SERVICE ITEMS (SERVICES)

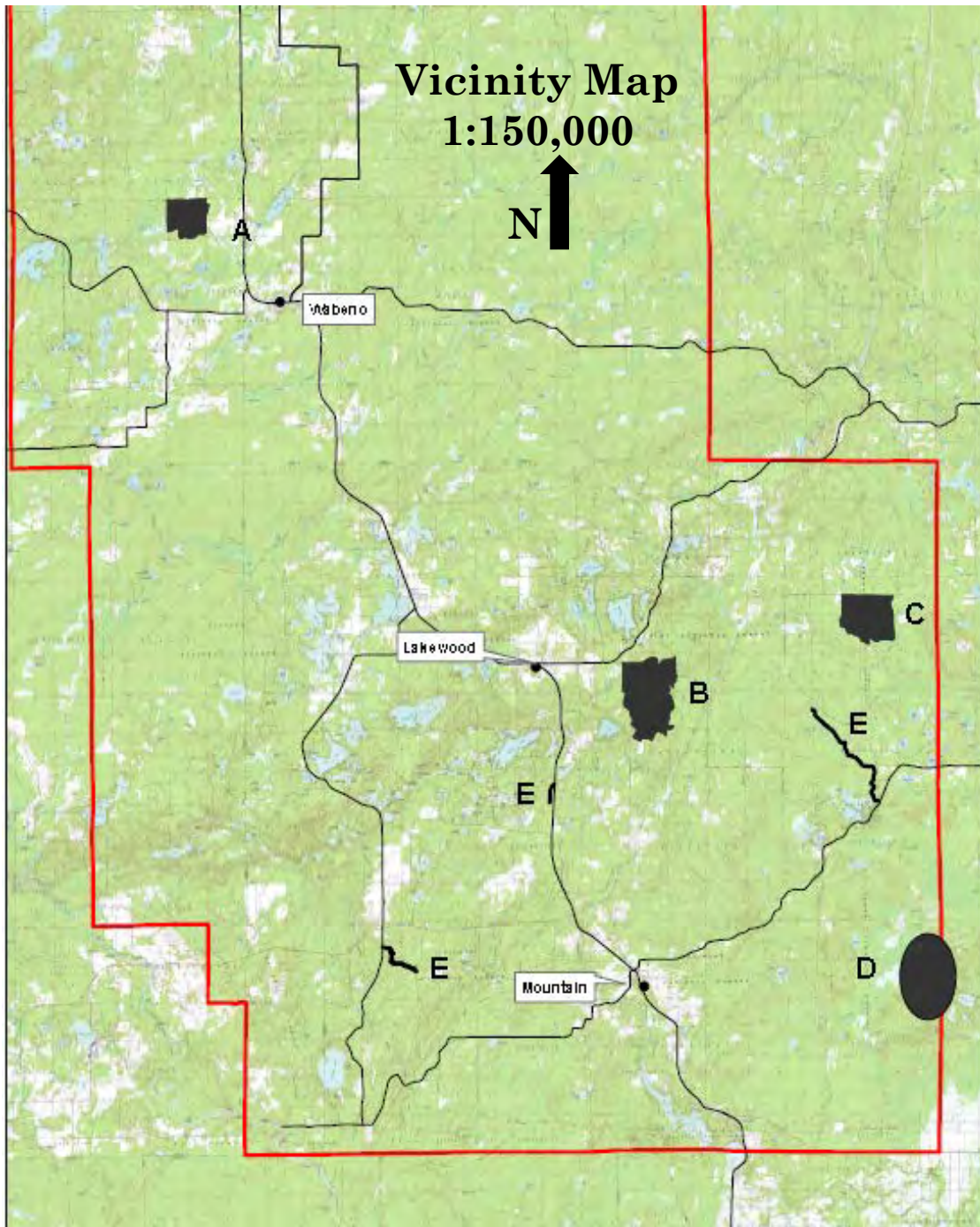
Activity	Extent
Tree marketing contracts	735 acres
LaFave Road culvert replacement	1 culvert
Site Preparation for Aspen Regeneration	74
Site Preparation for Natural Hardwood Regeneration	151
West Butler Rock Road upgrade	3 miles

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TENTATIVE SERVICE ITEMS (SERVICES)

Activity	Extent
Hunter hiking trail maintenance	18 miles
Wildlife opening maintenance	53 acres
Sign construction	2 signs
Berms and gates	3 gates
Rehab landings	45 landings
ATV trail maintenance	5 miles
Wall Road FS 2163	½ mile
Install Fish Logs	4 logs
Brush Logs	600 bundles

Lakewood/Laona Stewardship Agreement
 Preliminary Proposal



Activity	Area
Hunter hiking trail maintenance	A
Canopy gap cleaning/ Aspen regeneration	A
Install fish logs & brush bundles	A
Wildlife opening maintenance	A, B, C
Sign construction	A, B
Berms & gates	A, B, C
Rehab landings	A, B, C
LaFave Rd culvert replacement	C
Tree marking contracts	D
West Butler Rock Rd upgrade	D
ATV trail maintenance	E

SPA 1 Dates

9/1/14 – Draft SPA

9/15/14 – Finalized SPA

CNNF

Future SPA

- Waiting on CNNF

Other SPA Meetings

- August, 2014 with Ottawa NF staff

Questions?