

2014 FIA User Group Meeting: Agenda and Field Trip Overview Wednesday and Thursday, March 19-20, 2014

Accommodations:

Nearest Airport – Salt Lake City (SLC) International
Hotel – Hilton Salt Lake City Center
Hotel Address – [255 SW Temple](#) Salt Lake City, UT 84101, ph: 801-328-2000
Room Block Info: rate - \$115, code - FIA User Group, cutoff date - March 4th
Reservations - https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=11033514

Meeting Overview:

Wednesday March 19th

At USFS RSAC and Hilton Salt Lake City Center

- 7:15am – Bus will take participants from the Hilton Salt Lake City Center to the RSAC.
- 7:45am – Arrive at USFS RSAC (2222 W 2300 S, Salt Lake City UT 84121 801 975-3750).
- 8:00am – Meeting begins at RSAC.
- 11:30am – Lunch (sponsored by SAF)
- 1:15pm – Bus will take participants to the Hilton.
- 2:00pm – FIA User Group Meeting.
- 6:00 to 7:30pm – Reception (Sponsored by SAF)

Thursday March 20th

At the Hilton Salt Lake City Center (room to be announced)

- 8:00am – FIA User Group Meetings.
- 11:40am – Lunch (sponsored by SAF)
- 1:00pm – FIA User Group Meetings.
- 2:40pm – FIA User Group Meeting.
- 5:00pm – Close.

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Pre-Meeting Documents to review:

- 1- *Biomass equation development/data collection project summary (pdf)*
- 2- *Farm Bill provisions relating to FIA (pdf)*
- 3- *FIA Annual Report for 2013 (pdf)*

Registration:

There is no registration fee, but **please register** at the meeting website:
[FIA User Group meeting registration](#)

SAF National FIA User Group Meeting Agenda
Wednesday 2:00 – 5:00 and Thursday 8:00-5:00 March 19-20, 2014
Salt Lake City, UT

Wednesday 8:00 – 12:00 at RSAC

8:00AM Welcome and Overview of RSAC
Brain Schwind- RSAC Director

8:20AM RSAC/ FIA and FHTET Overview of collaborative projects
Brain Schwind- RSAC Director

8:40AM 2011 National Land Cover Data (NLCD) overview and production of the Continuous Tree Canopy Cover Image-based Change Estimate (ICE)
Kevin Megown -RSAC

9:00AM Image-based change estimation
Kevin Megown- RSAC

9:30AM **Break** (*Sponsored by SAF*)

10:00AM RSAC Walkthrough

10:30AM Forest Health Risk Map and Associated Products
Frank Sapio/Frank Krist- FHTET

11:30AM **Lunch** (*Sponsored by SAF*) and Informal Discussions

1:00PM Bus back to hotel

Agenda for Wednesday Afternoon, March 19th:

2:00 Welcome from SAF
John Barnwell- SAF

2:05 Philosophy and recent history of user group meetings
Paul Van Deusen – NCASI

2:15 – 2:45 A vision for FIA over the next five years
Greg Reams – FIA-WO

2:45 – 3:30 New FIA initiatives and budget expectations
Rich Guldin – Director of Quantitative Sciences-WO

3:30 - 3:50 **Break** (*Sponsored by SAF*)

3:30 – 5:00 Question/answer session with FIA PMs and discussion based on audience concerns
Discussion Leader – Burl Carraway- Texas A&M Forest Service

6:00 – 7:30 Reception (*Sponsored by SAF*)

Agenda for Thursday Morning, March 20th:

- 8:00 – 8:10 Quick overview of new FIA remote sensing initiatives
Gretchen Nicholas – PNW-FIA
- 8:10 – 8:40 FIA plans for interior Alaska
Hans-Erik Anderson – PNW-FIA
- 8:40 – 9:10 Observing change: Changing observing
Gretchen Moisen – RMRS-FIA
- 9:10 – 9:40 FIA approach to improve flexibility in the FIA Program
Michael Wilson – RMRS-FIA
- 9:40 – 10:10 **Break** (Sponsored by SAF)
- 10:10 – 10:30AM Including all owners in the NWOS
Andy Hartsell - SRS-FIA
- 10:30 – 10:50AM Creating a national TPO program that incorporates non-timber products
Bill Burkman - SRS-FIA
- 10:50-11:10AM Comparing 5 or 10 year cycles and intensities of 3000 or 6000 acres per plot
Paul Van Deusen - NCASI
- 11:10-11:40AM Discussion about the current status of Urban Inventories?
Discussion leader - Dennis May – FIA-NRS
- 11:40AM – 1:00PM **Lunch** (Sponsored by SAF)

Agenda for Thursday Afternoon, March 20th:

- 1:00 – 1:20 The US National Greenhouse Gas Inventory of Forests: Where we've been and where we're going; Chris Woodal – FIA
- 1:20 – 1:40 A regional approach to biogenic accounting using FIA data
Al Lucier and Paul Van Deusen - NCASI
- 1:40 – 2:00 How Industry uses FIA data?
John Paul McTague - Rayonier
- 2:00 – 2:20 Status of Biomass data collection and modeling effort
Jim Westfall – NRS-FIA
- 2:20 – 2:40 **Break** (Sponsored by SAF)
- 2:40 – 4:05 Panel Discussion - Where can FIA statistics, use of other information, and data tools be improved?
Discussion Leader - John Paul McTague – Rayonier
- Options for estimating growth by diameter class: Jim Westfall – NRS FIA
 - Growth accounting on Evaluator: Chris Edgar – Texas FS
 - Combining FIA data with TPO data: Todd Morgan – U of MT
 - FIA Remote Sensing and Spatial Products: Hobie Perry-NRS FIA
 - A user's wish list for extracting more value from FIA data: Steve Prisley – VA Tech
- 4:05 – 4:25 FIA data for historical forest type trends: Lingleaf Pine example
Bill Burkman – SRS-FIA
- 4:25 – 4:45 Opportunities for FIA to partner with others: What does FIA need from users?
Greg Reams – WO-FIA
- 4:45 – 5:00 Summary of Action Items
Paul Van Deusen (NCASI) and Mike Wilson (IW-FIA)