

Final Agenda for April 1-2, 2015 FIA User Group Meeting and Field Trip, San Antonio, TX

2015 FIA User Group Meeting: Agenda and Field Trip Overview Wednesday and Thursday, April 1-2, 2015

Accommodations:

Nearest Airport – San Antonio (SAT) International
Hotel – Drury Inn and Suites Riverwalk 800-325-0720
Hotel Address – 201 North St. Marys Street

Room Block Info: GEDUC2, \$115/night, March 15 deadline

You can use the following link for registration, hotel, and agenda. There is no registration fee.

<http://ncasi2.org/downloads/BWG/>

Meeting Overview:

1-Pre-Meeting Field Trip to visit woodland and urban inventory plots:

Wednesday, 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM:
A bus will take participants from the hotel to the field
Box Lunch provided by SAF

2-FIA User Group Meeting, 2:00 PM Wednesday - 5:00 PM Thursday

Reception on Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

For More Information Contact:

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Pre-Meeting Documents to review:

TBD

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**SAF National FIA User Group Meeting Agenda
Wednesday 2:00 - 5:00 and Thursday 8:00-5:00 April 1-2, 2015
San Antonio, TX**

Purpose: To learn about recent FIA progress and to provide input for improvements and new directions.

Agenda for Wednesday Afternoon, April 1st:

2:00 – 2:10 Welcome to the user group meeting
Burl Carraway – TFS

2:10 – 2:20 Welcome from SAF
John Barnwell – SAF

2:20 – 2:30 What do we hope to accomplish?
Paul Van Deusen – NCASI

2:30 – 3:15 Expectations for the budget and impacts on core data and cycle lengths
Bill Burkman – SRS-FIA and Sharon Stanton – PNW-FIA

3:15 – 4:00 Changes in FIA Leadership, the Farm Bill, and the Strategic Plan
Greg Reams – WO-FIA

4:00 – 5:00 Discussion based on audience concerns
Discussion Leader – Burl Carraway – TFS

6:00 – 7:30 Reception

Agenda for Thursday Morning, April 2nd:

8:00 – 8:30 Forest Area and Species Trends in the US
Sonja Oswald – SRS-FIA

8:30 – 9:15 EPA Carbon Accounting and Recent RPA assessments
Tom Wirth – US-EPA and Chris Woodall – NRS-FIA

9:15 – 10:00 FIA and Remote Sensing for Land-Use Change
John Coulston – SRS-FIA and Greg Reams – WO-FIA

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 10:50 Discussion about adequacy of FIA for trend estimation and when should
remeasured plot data be made available for western states.

Discussion Leader – Paul Van Deusen – NCASI

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10:50 – 11:20 Tree planting survey results and future plans
Bill Burkman – SRS-FIA

11:20 – 11:40 Discussion about importance of tree planting survey
Discussion leader – Dale Hogg – Plum Creek

11:40 – 1:00 Lunch (on your own)

Agenda for Thursday Afternoon, April 2nd:

1:00 – 1:40 SRTS: What is it and is it an important FIA data client?
Jesse Henderson and Bob Abt – NCSU

1:40 – 2:10 How FIA data supports industry and jobs?
Mike Oppenhiemer – Rayonier, Brooks Mendell – Forisk Consulting, Jay Watrous – International Paper

2:10 – 2:30 Status of Biomass data collection and modeling effort
Jim Westfall – NRS-FIA

2:30 – 2:50 Break

2:50 – 3:30 Progress toward creating a national TPO program
a) Moving from periodic complete enumeration to annual sampling
b) How to better combine TPO and FIA data
c) Ideas for improving the TPO program data base

Discussion Leader – John Coulston SRS-FIA

3:30 – 4:30 Current status, progress and budget implications on other FIA activities
a) Urban Inventory – Dennis May – NRS-FIA
b) Alaska survey – Gretchen Nicholas – PNW-FIA
c) National Woodland Owners Survey – Brett Butler – NRS-FIA
d) FIA data tools: Who uses them and future directions – Bill Burkman – SRS-FIA

Discussion Leaders – Dennis May – NRS-FIA and Michael Wilson – RMRS-FIA

4:30 – 4:45 Open Discussion

4:45 – 5:00 Summary of Action Items
Paul Van Deusen – NCASI and Greg Reams – WO-FIA