

2013 WISCONSIN FOREST PRACTICES STUDY UPDATE

June 2016

ACRONYMS/ DEFINITIONS

COF – Wisconsin
Council on Forestry

Forest Practices –
WDNR policies,
regulations and
guidelines.

GLTPA – Great Lakes
Timber Professionals
Association

JCF – Wisconsin Joint
Committee on
Finance

RFP – Request for
Proposal

WCFA – Wisconsin
County Forests
Association

WDNR – Wisconsin
Department of
Natural Resources

WFPS – 2013
Wisconsin Forest
Practices Study

NCASI – National
Council on Air and
Stream Improvement

T&E – Threatened
and Endangered

Summary

At the end of February, with the exception of the Wood Supply Assessment modeling scenarios, all WFPS projects were complete. At the March 29th COF meeting the principle investigators for each project presented their respective methods and findings. Their presentations, project reports, and other information about the WFPS can be found at <http://study.wisconsinforestry.org>.

At the March Council meeting a process was proposed and adopted to establish Sub-Committees to review the various projects to provide recommendations and to identify any additional information needs to the Council for their consideration to help guide decisions and policy development for investment in forest-based manufacturing industries in Wisconsin, while ensuring that social and ecological benefits provided by Wisconsin's forest remain viable for future generations.

The Sub-Committees were appointed by Henry Schienebeck and Jane Severt and include 21 members from a variety of organizations interested in the economic, social and ecological value forests provide to Wisconsin. The three Sub-Committee are supported by two facilitators and personnel within WDNR.

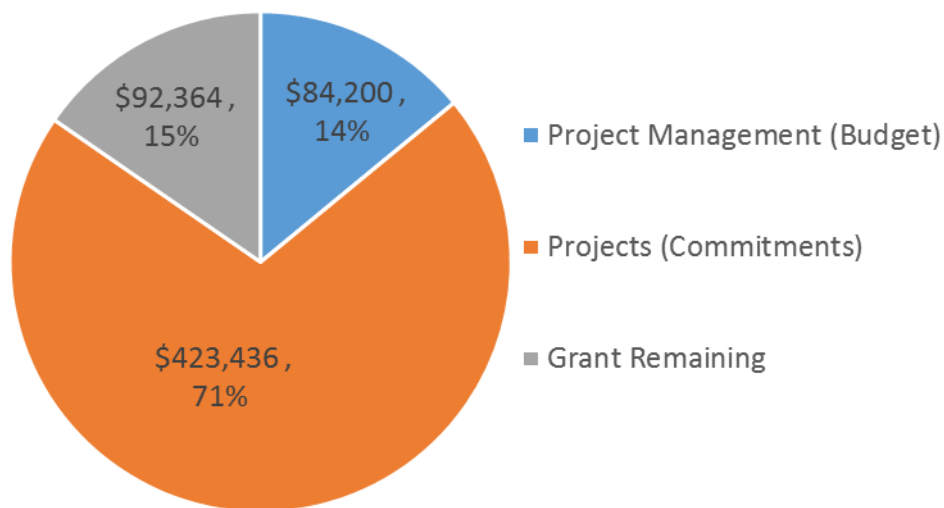
The Economic /Ecological Effects of Forest practices and Harvesting Restrictions Sub-Committee and Single Tree Order-of-Removal (OOR) in Northern Hardwood Forest and Rotation Lengths in Red Pine and Aspen Forests Sub-Committee have each met twice. They are in the final stages of preparing their recommendations. The Wood Supply Analysis Sub-Committee will have its first meeting on July 28th.

In late August the Sub-Committees will meet as a group to finalize their recommendations to present to the COF at their September meeting.

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Budget – YTD 2016



In-Kind Hours and Value

Year to date organizations and individuals have reported 900 hours of in-kind service valued at \$46,000 versus a plan of 1,600 hours and \$82,000.