



Land Use Planning, Organization, and Management (E2) Working Group

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The E2 Working Group was developed to promote the understanding of how an organization anticipates the future, and how it adapts its activities, structure, and function in order to become an effective land management organization.

The Working Group's web site is: <http://warnell.forestry.uga.edu/Warnell/Bettinger/saf/e2.htm>

E2 Working Group News

Elections for Officers of the Working Group

We will hold elections in June or July for two leadership positions within the Working Group, Chair-Elect and Secretary. The current Chair-Elect, Michael Wing, will transition to the Chair's position on January 1, 2007. The newly elected Chair-Elect will serve that role for two years (January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2008) before transitioning to the Chair's position as well. For more information on the roles and responsibilities of each of these two positions, please contact one of the current Working Group officers (contact information provided below). To ensure a slot on the ballot for one of these two positions, please contact Terry Clark at the National Office (clarkt@safnet.org).

Working Group Activity

2006 National Convention

The call for presentations for the 2006 National Convention closed in February. The Working Group submitted an idea for a technical session - "Influence of information technology on land management planning." The tentative speakers for this session include Dr. Richard Oderwald (Virginia Tech), Dr. Jeremy Wilson (University of Maine), and Dr. Pete Bettinger (University of Georgia). We will know soon whether this program has been included in the Convention program.

Forestry Source Article

Eric Cox (Working Group Chair) developed an article, published in the first quarter of the year, for the Society's newsletter, the Forestry Source. The article was titled "Here's how to...Evaluate strategic vs. tactical forest planning." The following paragraph summarized Eric's thoughts:

"Spatial regulations can negatively impact the ability to implement planned activities across the forest. First, a long-term strategic planning model is created to ensure that forest-level decisions are in alignment with strategic management objectives. Subsequently, a more detailed tactical plan is developed that deals explicitly with shortterm operational and spatial issues. The linkage between these two plans can be tightened through iterative improvements to the models that

incorporate additional spatial detail into strategic models to avoid immediate conflicts and subsequent resolving of the tactical model. Modern planning packages greatly facilitate this process, so that in the end, tactical and operational plans still meet the overall forest-wide objectives and come as close as possible to the optimum desired outcome."

The Working Group welcomes other contributions for "Here's how to..." type papers for the Forestry Source. Please contact one of the Working Group officers to discuss your ideas further.

Future Conferences of Interest

CORS / Optimization Days 2006

May 8-10, 2006 - Montreal, Quebec

<http://www.crt.umontreal.ca/scrojopt2006/en/>

5th Southern Forestry and Natural Resources GIS Conference

June 12-14, 2006 - Asheville, NC

<http://soforgis.net/>

12th Symposium for Systems Analysis in Forest Resources

September 5-8, 2006 - Burlington, Vermont

<http://www.afrc.uamont.edu/pelkkim/SSAFR2006.htm>

2006 IUFRO 4.04.02 Forest Plantations Meeting

October 10-13, 2006 - Charleston, SC

http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/iufro_plantations/

2006 Society of American Foresters National Convention

October 25-29, 2006 - Pittsburgh, PA

<http://www.safnet.org/natcon-06/index.cfm>

INFORMS Annual Meeting

November 5-8, 2006 - Pittsburgh, PA

<http://www2.informs.org/Conf/Pittsburgh06/index.htm>

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