



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 moves to adapt its activities, structure, and function to be an effective land management organization.

Please submit articles and announcements to the Working Group Secretary via e-mail.

E2 Update

This is the first quarterly report for the E2 Working Group for 2008. There are potential working group activities for 2008 and your participation would be welcome. Before describing these, I think it's appropriate to acknowledge that 2007 was a good year for E2. E2 was awarded a Working Group Merit Award at the SAF 2007 National Convention. The basis of the award was from the 2006 Working Group Report which detailed group activities and contributions to Land Use Planning. In particular, former E2 officers Eric Cox and Pete Bettinger made significant contributions to activities described in the Group Report and deserve some recognition for their efforts. I've provided a summary of other noteworthy E2 activities at the National Convention below.

As far as 2008, E2 has participated in the review and selection of papers for the 2008 SAF National Convention and will again hold an annual business meeting during the convention. There will likely be an opportunity for E2 to moderate and host a technical session. Let me know if you are interested in serving as a moderator.

Gerry Grosenick is the E2 secretary and has proposed that E2 consider a review of the U.S. Forest Service Planning Rule that may significantly alter the management of Forest Service lands. One possibility is that an analysis be completed and described in a publication by E2 for submittal to a SAF publication. Please contact Gerry if you're interested in participating in this effort.

John Helms is the Editor of the SAF Dictionary. The SAF Dictionary is scheduled for an on-line update in the near future. John has prepared a list of land use planning terms and has asked that E2 review this list and provide feedback and any necessary additions. I'll circulate this document and associated guidelines to the E2 email list and invite your participation in the review effort.

Michael Wing, E2 Chair

Working Group Activities at the SAF 2007 National Convention

2007 National Convention

E2 was an active participant in the 2007 National Convention. In addition to receiving the Working Group Merit Award at the convention, E2 created the theme "Measurement Technology for Management and Planning" for sponsorship of a technical session at the

2007 SAF National Convention. This theme was adopted as a Track Name for the convention. E2 sponsored a technical session which was moderated by E2 chair Michael Wing and included the following presentations:

Using 3D Visualization for Natural Resource Planning and Management

Ryan Garnett, i-cubed

GPS Performance in Southern Hardwood Forests

Pete Bettinger, CF, University of Georgia

Decision Making and Decision Models for Forest Biodiversity Management

Sean Gordon, US Forest Service, PNW

E2 also agreed to moderate another technical session at the 2007 National Convention on behalf of the A4 (GIS) working group. Michael Wing moderated this session which included the following presentations:

Integrating FVS and GIS to Evaluate Management Scenarios Across Landscapes

Sean Parks, US Forest Service, RMRS

Using LANDFIRE and ArcGIS to Quantify Wildfire Risk in the Western United States

David Buckley, Sanborn Map Company

NEPA and GIS: When Is Too Much Data Enough?

Duane Dippon, CF, Bureau of Land Management

The E2 Annual Business Meeting was also held at the 2007 National Convention. Pete Bettinger, Sean Gordon, and Michael Wing were in attendance.

Quarterly Newsletter

Newsletters will be accessible as PDF files from the Society of American Foresters Internet site (www.safnet.org) and the E2 Working Group's Internet site (<http://warnell.forestry.uga.edu/Warnell/Bettinger/saf/e2.htm>).

The content of the Working Group newsletter is a function of what the members of the group wish to contribute. If a member would like to communicate information regarding land use planning, organization, or management issues that would be of value to the Society, please send the information to the Secretary of the Group.

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