

**Washington State SAF
Second Quarter Activities for 2007
April 1 – June 4, 2007**

Outcome #1: A strong, forward-thinking organization

- WSSAF volunteers continue involvement at all levels in the planning of the 2007 National Convention in Portland Oregon.
- A strategic plan for WSSAF has been initiated. Peter Heide is chairing a small, disappearing committee to develop a 2± page plan. Intent is consistency with the strategic outcome categories of the National Strategic Plan.
- Participated in SAF focus group with 8-10 others from around the country. My understanding is the results from this group will help in determining future directions for the organization.

Outcome #2: Enhanced service to landowners and employers

Outcome #3: Enhanced service to society at large

- We have been asked to participate in workgroup for local land use planning regarding the use of forest lands. This effort will review Snohomish county's policies for protecting forest lands. Our exact level of involvement is not clear at present.
- Work on a memorandum of understanding between WSSAF and the Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) is proceeding. We have a very rough draft based on what we think is the best of what we have seen. The purpose is for education, increased networking, leveraged support on many areas of common interest, expanded learning opportunities, and many other benefits.

Outcome #4: Effective engagement in forest policy

- Forester licensing. WS SAF has established a forest licensing workgroup (Bill Horn, Michael Jackson [not *that* Michael Jackson], Gretchen Nicholas, and Ann Forest Burns. In conjunction with Inland Empire, we established a joint work group, as IE is also mostly within Washington state, to come up with a combined, but single SAF position on what we think need to be the principles for licensing. We have also had one conference call with the national Office (Louise Murgia

and Doug Crandall) and they will help with contacts, draft legislation and experience.

Outcome #5: Enhanced professional education, performance, and leadership

- Washington State SAF is chairing one of the HSD convener groups, but the conference call scheduled was cancelled for reasons unknown.
- We have a draft brochure for the WS SAF Foundation. While still in development; the intent is to have it ready for the 2007 National Convention in Portland.

Outcome #6: Development and sound stewardship of SAF's Resources

- June 1, 2007 ex comm meeting financial report showed the finances are in order.
- Finances for the Northwest Office were also in order as of the end of May.

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