

Summary of the CFEOR and Osceola National Forest workshop on Biomass Harvesting Presented on April 30, 2009

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Presenters: Ivan Green, District Ranger and Carl Petrick, Ecosystem Staff Officer, National Forests in Florida.

Workshop Summary: The U.S. Forest Service demonstrated on the Osceola National Forest a new method and opportunity for reducing hazardous fuels, improving forest health, and reducing wildfire threat to communities, while providing an alternative source of green energy. Many southeastern coastal plain forests have struggled to reduce hazardous fuels and associated wildfire risks to surrounding communities. Until recently, the use of dormant season prescribed fire and mechanical fuel removal were the only practical methods for reducing hazardous fuels. Dormant season burning on the Osceola National Forest and other areas in Florida has been difficult since fuels, which are highly volatile in the dryer spring wildfire season, often do not readily burn during the wetter dormant season. While mechanical fuel reduction is effective, it is cost prohibitive reducing its effectiveness at the landscape level. Forest personnel discussed how a study done on the forest demonstrates that the harvest of biomass can reduce fuel loads and generate revenue.





Example plot where 1-5 year trees were removed with the harvester, biomass baled and removed.





Demonstration of biomass harvested at the ground level (material not removed).



Biomass harvested at 18 inches above the ground. Material not removed.

Biomass Workshop Events Schedule

Osceola National Forest

10:00am-1:00pm April 30, 2009

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- 10:00 a.m. Arrive Osceola Ranger District Office
- 10:15 Depart for Biomass project site
- 10:45 Welcome – Ivan Green, District Ranger
- 11:00 Overview of project – Carl Petrick,
Ecosystem Staff Officer, National Forests in
Florida
- 11:15 Begin Demonstration
- 11:45 Questions, comments and observations –
Group
- 12:30 Return to District Office
- 1:00 p.m. Depart for home unit

Biomass Harvesting Demonstration Attendance List April 30th, 2009

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Company/Agency</i>
Curtis, Michele	Wood Supply Manager	Buckeye
Kreye, Melissa	Coordinator	CFEOR
Peterson, Nancy	Executive Director	CFEOR
Hopkins, Ed	COO	Claw Forestry
Isom, Greg	Area Manager	Claw Forestry
Jones, Stuart	Land Manager	Co. of Volusia
Sleister, Randall	Land Management Supervisor	Co. of Volusia
Weaver, Doug	Director of Land Management	Co. of Volusia
Goodowns, Charles	Stark Area Manager	F&W Forestry Services Inc.
Beauchamp, Gary	OPS Manager	FDOF
Dunn, Greg	Sr. Forester	FDOF
Haddock, Ace	Forestry Supervisor	FDOF
Jennings, Steve	FM Bureau Chief	FDOF
Marshall, Greg	Sr. Forester	FDOF
Nowak, Jarek	Forest Utilization Specialist	FDOF
Rittenhouse, Jamie	Forest Area Supervisor	FDOF
Serfess, George	Forester	FDOF
West, Don	Center Manager	FDOF
Barkdoll, Anne	Biologist	Florida Park Service
Battillo, Rick	Land Manager	Foley Timber
Jackson, Kristina	Biologist	FWC
Sachs, Elena	FI Bird Conservation Initiative Coordinator	FWC
Gill, Randy	Owner	Gill land @Timber Investments inc
Schwab, Richard	Procurement Officer	Marisoni Inc.
Cleckley, William	Division Director	NFWFMD

Culpepper, Al	Field Representative	NWFWMD
Macmillan, Tyler	Chief, Bureau of Land Management Operations	NWFWMD
Valenta, John	Land Manager	NWFWMD
Pope, Don	Woodlands Manager	Packaging Corp. of American
Simon, Larry	Forester	Packaging Corp. of American
Barrett, Deb	Manager SFI	Rayonier
Roach, Dan	Manager, Forest Environmental Systems	Rayonier
Worthington, Steve	Director of Wood Products	Rayonier
Hudson, Paul	Forester	SJRWMD
Gregor, Scott	Natural Resource Specialist	SRWMD
Hall, Randy	Forester	SRWMD
Houder, Charlie		SRWMD
Curtis, Don	owner	The Forestry Co.
Sharma, Ajay	Research Assistant	University of Florida/CFEOR
Zipperer, Wayne		USDAFS
Cleeland, Teri	Deputy USFS	USFS
Green, Ivan	District Ranger	USFS
Rains, Denise	PAO	USFS
Paben, Brett	Staff Attorney	Wildlaw
McKenzie, Ryan	Logger	Wood Products