# Transition Letter & Day One Flip Chart Notes

# Transition Letter

- Add a 1-Pager → Importance of forests
- ID transition team point(s) of contact
  - → DOI
  - → USDA
- Consider Senators/Reps

# Parking Lot

- Engaging internationally e.g., Canada
  - o NAPPO

# Addressing Local Challenges

- Showing people what will happen slideshow, field trip
- Extension → Binder of information
- Master Gardeners
- Ag Dept
- Q: Make the message a take-home one!
- Q: How can we get people together to understand/know the issue?
- Describe the process what steps need to be taken?
  - → "Case Studies"
- Look to this generation/millennia communication styles/options
  - → Facebook, blog, etc...
- Get the right message  $\rightarrow$  focused, leverage it
- Tie into the activist community (e.g., San Francisco)
- Increase effort, effectiveness of outreach
  - → build community support
  - → build political support
- <u>Proactive</u> get people aware of issue ahead of time
  - → Who has credibility?
    - Foresters
    - People who have experienced this issue
- → Professional quality video
- Early detection  $\rightarrow$  make it part of the message
- Efficient, strong, aggressive tree planting programs
- Message: Shade trees being lost (focus to lower economic strat)
- E.g., <u>community member:</u> Where can I go to get the information I need to deal with an issue?
  - → Can the Dialogue facilitate?
- Try not to reinvent the wheel (MSO, Michigan)

- Green revolution → take advantage of energy behind this idea
- Develop diversity language for local ordinances
  - Species
  - Ages
  - Structural Components
  - → Linked to issue of availability
- "Sustainable Sites" (LEED-like) → comment on the standards
- Utilize existing resources
  - → USDA (Sharon Lucik)
  - → EAB Awareness Week
    - Monthly Call participate
  - → EAB materials already exist on the "big" level so states can focus on the "local"

## **Engaging Private Groups**

Retail Industry: Amy F. Jake D.

John Peter Frank

- Call with Michael Chanard, Lowe's
- Intern to conduct interviews with RILA & Doalogue on "Sustainability" → invasives
- Case studies (positive and negative impacts / costs and benefits)
- Engage FSC/SPI on revised standards

Nursery Industry: John Peter nursery reps Amy F. Keith D.

- Discuss how to engage extension (while staying on message) and what info is desired
- Messages to nursery industry, LG admin, CSREES, distributer networks, etc.
- Recommendations on activities for nursery industry
- Examples: new pest alerts, new techs and strategies, financial pools, cost/impact reduction

## **Communicate & Market Key Ideas**

- Toolbox/wiki
  - → Keith, Leigh, Bob S., Susan S., Jerry C. will develop "proposal"
  - → Individuals to submit specific components
- Outreach Guide
  - → Same group to develop proposal

## **Promoting the Don't Move Firewood Message**

- DMF Website
  - → Various specific outreach actions e.g., columnists, campground associations
  - → Create chain mail
  - → Oversight Committee to continue building ideas
- Beyond the website
  - → Various outreach, e.g., state parks, athletic departments, DOT
- Report on outreach actions

# **Breakout Summary Sheets**

## **Appropriations Summary**

• Lobbying 101 Package

Faith, Ken, Lin, John Peter

Draft by Thanksgiving (to SC)

• Messaging / success stories / <u>prioritization</u>

Frank, Anand, Ashley, Doug

ASAP ... Draft to Dialogue early January

• Recommendations / letter on fixing funding issues re: fire suppression (to alleviate stress / funding reduction on invasives) programs

Caitlin, Jake

By ...

## **Firewood**

- Explore potential regulations, non-regulatory approaches at federal / state level (and other roles/organizations)
- Biomass
- Messaging

Anand, Carl S., Ken R., Michael Buck, Firewood Groups, APHIS (Chaloux), USFS, State Foresters

By ...

## **Increased State Flexibility**

• Official control – letter of support for APHIS to continue exploring

Frank, Ken

By...

• Compensation (engage consultant to explore)

John Peter, Lin, Amy F., Joe C., Joe M., Frank

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