

McIntire-Stennis Planning

NAUFRP is engaged in strategic planning for the McIntire-Stennis (Cooperative Forestry Research Program) for the next 10 years period.

Primary information being used in this process is coming from the Cooperative Forestry Research Program legislation, the NRC Forest Research Capacity report, the results of the NAUFRP sponsored Research and Graduate Education Summit of January 2006, and NAUFRPs vision document, Forests for a Richer Future: A Vision for America's Forests for the 21st Century.

Three draft documents are attached that provide information that will make its way into the plan:

- Principles for a McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Program
- Research Agenda, including goals, actions and rationale, and performance measures for several Foundation Areas of Knowledge and several Emerging and Integrative Areas of Knowledge, and ideas about types of projects and multi-institutional projects.
- Funding Options

Input is being sought regarding the information included in all three of these documents. Especially important at this time are ideas about appropriate types of projects and multi-institutional projects and reaction to the various funding options. The final document will include one funding recommendation, but we need to consider several and their merits and demerits before choosing the one.

As preface to all three documents there will be an introduction for the plan that provides a context for planning, key points from the M-S Law and Administrative Regulations, unique aspects of the M-S program such as state and regional needs and graduate education, and the organization of the plan. This material is yet to be written, but there is very good source material and it should not require a lot of time. The guts of the plan, however, are in the three documents that are attached.

The biennial M-S A-TR Workshop will focus on the plan. This year this workshop will be held in conjunction with the NAUFRP General Assembly in Pittsburg on October 25 (no separate trip to CERREES in Washington, DC). We will conduct the NAUFRP/A-TR joint workshop on the morning of the 25th with a two hour A-TR business and update session in the afternoon. The prime purpose of the workshop will be to further discuss and refine ideas for the M-S Strategic Plan.

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