

### **Chief's expectations for FY18 and beyond – outline for 6/16/2017 call with RLT**

Clear direction and intention from Chief and Dept. to increase our restoration activities over the next several years.

Intent is to increase acres treated and volume output as a consequence.

National volume increasing to 4.0 bbf by FY20 – a 32% increase over FY17

Can only do this by doing business differently and focusing on:

- Cross boundary
  - Forests working together and across boundaries
    - sharing resources
    - zoned targets
  - Improving our outcomes by expanding treatments across and in concert with other units (FS) jurisdictions (state, private, tribal)
- NEPA –
  - Use contracts, enterprise teams, states, tribes to completely do the analysis or supplement our ID teams
  - Take a hard look at how we are doing NEPA – are we doing more analysis than is necessary; can we take more risk in some areas (WO may send out guidance on this aspect)
- Surveys
  - Limit surveys to just those required prior to NEPA
- Implementation
  - Less tree marking, more weight scaling
  - States and tribes doing the implementation for us, including contract admin
  - Ensure our silvicultural prescriptions are not more complicated than needed to meet desired conditions
- Fully utilizing perms and trusts
  - Use timber pipeline to the fullest extent possible on the sales that are expected to be able to pay it back (directed if the forests don't request it)
  - No balances older than 3 years, including CWKV
- More hands on from the RO
  - What do forests need help with?
  - Facilitating sharing of successes in using different tools

Caveats (at this time):

- Do not expect a substantially larger workforce – assume we'll fill most of the existing vacancies
- Expect some additional funding, amount is unknown but not likely to be 'enough' to match unit rate expectations.
- This is an evolving concept/plan and things will continue to change. We need to remain flexible.

What's going to happen?

- Expect a letter from the WO/Chief's office to outline the expectation with a two week turn around for a regional plan that addresses our ramp up over the next 3 fiscal years
  - R6 proportional share of the increase is to go from 610mmbf to 817 mmbf, a 34% increase (210MMBF additional) from FY18 through FY20 (over 3 fiscal cycles).
    - *Note that R6 just submitted a plan to increase to 710MMBF over 3 fiscal cycles (moderate increase) and has the potential to reach 810MMBF under current LRMPs.*
  - Realistic estimate of what it would take
    - Additional funding
    - Personnel - most likely filling existing positions, not adding new ones
    - Change in business practices
      - NEPA
      - Sale prep
      - Sale admin
- Two tiered approach
  1. Next week to 10 days: calls with each forest (staff to staff) to discuss opportunities and frame the general response
  2. Later (time to be determined)
    - 5 year restoration plan for each forest. Premise is that restoration focus on increasing acres will yield corresponding volume output (9 forests have 4 year or longer timber sale plans, 7 have only 1 or 2 year schedules)
      - Include planning and implementation of all restoration activities
      - Include work/funding with trust funds
    - Need each unit to think appropriately and possibly differently about the means to achieve these outcomes i.e. working with partners, with adjacent forests

Line to line calls to review plans, approaches, and commitments (RFT, Forest Sup, Deputy Forest Sup

We recognize that this increase may change the information submitted for the FY18 budget capability data call. We will discuss the adjustments needed either during the Q&A sessions with the forests or at another time before we develop the operating budget.

Carol has the lead and will work with other Directors as needed to frame the data, plan the calls, and subsequent interaction.