

Timber target check-in 6/9/2023

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Agenda

1. Welcome; roll call
List of Forest personnel (attendees listed in meeting chat)
2. Leader remarks (Laura)
 - First time meeting in some time
 - Value team approaches and work together (steward the whole)
 - Additional check-ins throughout the season so this is a new process
 - Talking about timber in this meeting, but value all of the work that is being done outside of timber (This is not demeaning in any way shape or form or direction from the top down)
 - Meeting or exceeding timber goals as a region
 - Implementing 3+1 strategy
3. Background/Context; snapshot of attainment by unit (Dan)
 - Feb timber target to RO, first time in a long time we have actually had a timber target
 - 3.45 B MMBF, up to 3.6 B in FY 24, 4 B by FY 26
 - Can we make that happen and how does that translate in R6
 - R8 & 9 are carrying the bulk of that volume
 - 575 MMBF this year, 653 next year. These shouldn't be a surprise
 - NR (Eric) has been meeting with your staff to discuss these targets and expectations. Networking and sharing across forests.
 - We either meet our target or not, period.
 - We came up short last year and it set a bad precedent that R6 is not a good investment
 - Because of this our NFTM dollars were reduced and sent to R8 & 9
 - Timber & fuels is an expectation that is unwritten and under emphasized
 - When we don't meet our targets is not failure. There's so much going on that and its difficult to find a common ground/balance
 - Where can we help each other out

Q: Why did we fall short last year (Alfred)?

A: We missed more than 15% last year so it wasn't a little miss, it was big. Fire takes it toll on everything we do. Steward as a whole. Help each other out if someone comes up short. How do we break the cycle of 4th quarter sales and transition into more 1st and 2nd quarter.

Q: (Becka) Does the increases in target come with more FTEs/resources?

A: There's no new money coming other than BIL funds. We have lost some of the NFTM \$. WO typically assigns a target and there's not much wiggle room. BIL and IRA dollars are in the system and we have some tools to help us with. Utilize the tools! Don't just depend on FTEs
4. Report out by Forest (3 min per forest, please be succinct): expected attainment by end of FY, additional attainment that could be offered, any major obstacles to achieving assigned target
 - Dan shared the snapshot
 - We have about 52 MMBF to be advertised in the coming month
 - Kudos to OLY!
 - By the end of Q2 R6 typically achieve 25%

- By the end of Q3 typically achieve 50%
- We have to break the cycle of late FY sales
- We have a lot of ground to make up! These numbers are dismal
- What's your number? Do you have any additional volume to produce? Any kind of major obstacles?
- Team oriented message from Laura as a Region

0601 DES

- We on track to award to our target and potentially produce and additional 1 MMBF with add vol.
- Wildfire strategy can pose some challenges in attaining target

0602 FWI

- We are set for 72 MMBF with some overage of unknown quantity
- We might be able to produce an extra 5 MMBF
- Shortage of personnel and capacity, but that's not new
- Acknowledgement of Timber Transit Project

0603 GIP

- Short of 52 and coming in at 36
- Need hydro and silviculturist
- Not being a priority makes it difficult to request additional resources
- Shortage of specialists in general
- If you got those resources would you meet target? No, not in FY 23

0604 MAL

- 3 sales in June/July which leaves us with 32 MMBF (61 MMBF if Halo goes)
- Halo project is moving forward again, but I have concerns. They are moving fast to get task orders out.
- Communication has been good lately and much appreciated

0605 MBS

- Coming in just over 11 MMBF
- Might have 1.5 in the 4th
- No qualified cruisers on the Forest. New folks

0606 MTH

- Base of 5 on the hook for 27
- No major hiccups thus far
- 15 MMBF of pine in one sale
- Road package is complete ahead of time. Using very low value

0607 OCH

- We expect to be a 4 mmbf by the end of the FY
- No additional capacity or volume
- We are low staffed and dealing with litigation
- Mill Creek project has the next 3 years of target
- Once completed we'll be in good shape for out years

0609 OLY

- 100% doesn't happen without effort
- On track to add 2.7 MMBF
- Barriers in FY 24 losing NR Staff Officer and others
- Can you produce additional? I can't say that for certain

0610 RRS

- We facing a few challenges (road package and coastal martin issues)
- With those 2 we'll meet 20 MMBF
- We have a couple other small sales that may put us at 21
- Confident that we'll land at 21 mmbf

0612 SIU

- 4 sales left in the 4th quarter
- On track for 45 MMBF
- One sale at risk, but looking positive

0614 UMA

- 18 mmbf of base target (maybe 24)
- carry over volume has been sold
- No additional vol to offer
- Staffing shortages and it effects sale prep

0615 UMP

- On target for 25 mmbf
- Reducing the +1 in order to make the mark
- UMP is typically ahead of the game by this late in the FY
- Road packages, SIRs are extensive, trending into stewardship, need a SPA on one of our GNA sales
- Post fire workload is slowing us down significantly
- These days we are not getting many mmbf out of the fire area for various reasons

0616 WAW

- 20 comfortabe 3 additional is challenging on Devils Creek
- Utilizing TFPA
- Biomass market is helping out with that
- Sale prep and contracting are challenging

0617 OKW

- 60.9 mmbf is anticipated
- 1.6 has a bridge issue and I'm losing my engineer
- Just got Forest stewardship auth
- Consultation has held us up (USFW)
- Central Washington Initiative is the glue that's holding us together
- Kudos on using some new authorities

0618 WIL

- on track for 42.5 with add vol
- Engineering and capacity
- 2020 fire salvage is not attractive, but there is interest

- \$1 m road package on a single sale

0621 COL

- Looking at 118, plus up of 13 mmbf
- A to Z project is concerning due to timing
- Active litigation on two projects with high potential injunction
- Lots of volume in the 4th quarter and making it rough on the market
- Moving up sales from FY 24 to FY 25
- We really don't have a plus up

Closing (Laura and Dan)

- This has been an inspiring time!
- Staffing is an issue, we hear you
- Thank you for all that you do!

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FY 23 Region 6 Timber Volume Sold Attainment Snapshot (as of Aug. 14, 2023)						
Forest	Assigned Target (MMBF)	Accomplishment To Date (MMBF)	% Attainment	Expected Attainment (MMBF)	Potential Additional Volume (MMBF)	Potential Total Attainment (MMBF)
0601 DES	26	10	38%	26	1	27
0602 FWI	72	30	42%	72	23	95
0603 GIP	52	7	13%	36	2	38
0604 MAL	61	26	43%	61	13	74
0605 MBS	11	9	82%	12	3.5	15.5
0606 MTH	27	15	56%	27	0	27
0607 OCH	10	2	20%	4	0	4
0609 OLY	18	18	100%	18	3	21
0610 RRS	20	10	50%	20	1	21
0612 SIU	45	17	38%	45	0	45
0614 UMA	23	14	61%	21	1	22
0615 UMP	25	2	8%	25	2	27
0616 WAW	23	11	48%	20	3	23
0617 OKW	39	25	65%	39	22	61
0618 WIL	40	25	63%	40	2	42
0621 COL	105	24	23%	24	19	105
R6 Totals	597	245	41%	490	96	585