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34.23 Consider Walk Through method as a primary tool with boundary plots or points.

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41.3 Consider giving forest authority to identify tree species having no sawtimber ability due to value or market to exclude from consideration as sawtimber. This will help eliminate additional time spend identifying during sale design to final contract and improve a forest's cruising ability to tally these species as non sawtimber based by species.

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61.1 In addition to use of gps consider adding field mapping and navigation programs (like Avenza and Field Map) staying current with todays technology options. Consider adding verbiage suggesting new check cruiser spend time with another within region or forest to develop skills, answer questions strengthening consistent message within the role of check cruiser.

62.4 Agree with changing cruiser inspection frequency to every 2 years and dropping requirement of 25 to 15 trees for recertification. Although this change from 25 to 15 will potentially impact scoring having a smaller sample population.

63.2 Not in favor of dropping field inspection on sales exceeding 2000 CCF to 50%. Consider 75% to start and/or permit forest authority to maintain higher standards like 100% as in some parts sales have higher complexity. Its been my experience that field inspections efforts have helped provide a higher quality product and serves as a final check in light of the complexity and effort needed to construct today's sales.

Visiting cruisers / contract cruisers potentially can offer a forest assistance in addressing workloads. Its been my experience that each forest have specific cruising standards that visiting cruisers should test out / certify with the forest their visiting prior to engaging.

Please reach out with any questions concerning my comments.