

Hello all.

Thanks to everyone for participating in the KW field tour over the last two days. I think it was a very productive and exciting couple of days. As promised I've put together a participant list from the two day event and have noted below a few action items we decided on. Please let me know if there are any changes needed to the participant list or the action items.

"Short term" action items -

Yellow Dog Plains -

DNR and Plum Creek (Jim, Mark S. and Steve N.) will assess holdings to find jack pine stands that could be managed cooperatively (harvest or replant) by November 1

Plum Creek and Service (Mark S, Christie, Lorin) to discuss moving forward with proposed projects (~100 acre and smaller 10 acre parcel)

Tracy to contact MTU to get update on progress of jack pine regeneration study on Baraga Plains; determine interest in conducting regeneration studies on other UP (or maybe WI) outwash plains systems especially Yellow Dog where regeneration has not been consistent

Christie to contact Fred Rydholm (large landowner on Yellow Dog) to determine interest in partnering

MDNR to follow up with Bob Hyde to get more info. regarding Scleroderis

Baraga Plains-

DNR and USFS (Jim, Mark M., Brian, and Katie) will assess holding to find jack pine stands that could be managed cooperatively (harvest or replant)

Gwinn/Sands Plains-

County and Service (Al and Christie) will discuss best approach for regenerating 80 acre stand in Gwinn area

Christie to follow up with local schools and local agencies to increase partner base

"Long term" action items-

-MDNR, through ecoregional planning, will be looking at outwash plains and determining best places to focus KW, spruce grouse, barrens, etc. management

-Ottawa NF will be looking at potential management opportunities on two other small outwash plains systems where they have ownership

-Get barrens and KW management on agenda for new WUPPEM group

-Form "working" group of interested participants across UP and northern WI to share information/knowledge/questions regarding jack pine/ outwash plains management (looking for feedback on this idea)

-Look for cross-partner/program funding opportunities for land management, research, and monitoring

regarding jack pine barrens management

Thanks again.



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