

ECOP Forestry Liaison Team  
(Task Force)  
Established 1999

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Current Members

- ❖ Dr. Adel Brown, Administrator –1890, Louisiana (**Chair**)
- ❖ Dr. Tony Nakazawa, Extension Director, Alaska
- ❖ Dr. Charles Casey, Extension Director, Minnesota
- ❖ Dr. George Hopper, NAPFSC, Tennessee
- ❖ Dr. Bruce Menzel, NAUFWP, Iowa
- ❖ Dr. Scott Reed, Sustainable Forestry Partnership, Oregon
- ❖ Steve Koehn, NASF, Maryland
- ❖ Larry Payne, US Forest Service S&PF, Washington, DC
- ❖ Larry Biles, CSREES, Washington, DC
- ❖ Eric Norland, CSREES, Washington, DC

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Past Members

- ❖ Dr. Steve Jones, Extension Director, Alabama
- ❖ Dr. Carl O'Conner, Extension Director, Wisconsin
- ❖ Dr. Nancy Bull, Extension Director, Connecticut (**Past Chair**)
- ❖ Dr. Dan Smith, Extension Director, South Carolina
- ❖ Dr. Pat Walsh, Ag and Nat. Res. Extension Programs, Wisconsin
- ❖ Dr. Michael Heard, Extension Administrator – 1890, Missouri
- ❖ Dr. Jack Bagent, ECOP Budget, Louisiana
- ❖ Warren Archey, NASF, Massachusetts
- ❖ Mit Parsons, US Forest Service, Colorado
- ❖ Dr. Bill Harris, Ag and Nat. Res. Extension Programs, Texas

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## Goals

- ❖ To prepare Extension leadership to work with the 2002 Farm Bill and:
  - ❖ increase RREA funding to full authorization of \$15
  - ❖ To increase RREA authorization
- ❖ To have the Extension Service "at the table" for Natural Resources programming, raising the dialogue about forest landowner education, conservation education and community economic development.
- To utilize the National Coalition report for Sustaining America's Nonfederal Forests to advocate more funding
- To consider and updated USDA Interagency Agreement on Forestry

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## Activities

- ❖ Meet twice per year in DC to make personal visits with agency and organizational leaders, such as:
  - ❖ CSREES Director, Assoc. Director, Budget Officer, Staff
  - ❖ NASULGC Director of Outreach and Extension, Advocacy Team
  - ❖ CEO, AF&PA
  - ❖ Deputy Chief for S&PF, Legislative Affairs Director
  - ❖ Wildlife Society, Wildlife Management Institute
  - ❖ NRCS Management Leadership Team for Farm Bill
  - ❖ OMB Senior Budget Examiner
  - ❖ House Appropriations Staff
  - ❖ SAF Policy Director

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## Activities (continued)

- ❖ Provide written annual reports to ECOP
  - ❖ Two meetings per year
- ❖ Provide input on all ECOP Budget discussions
  - ❖ Six conference calls per year
- ❖ Participate in the discussions and development for the Farm Bill – 2002
- ❖ Letters, phone calls, networking, etc.

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## Successes

- ❖ RREA was increased in FY02 by \$908,000 and an additional \$440,000 in FY03
- ❖ RREA was re-authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill up to \$30 million
- ❖ Opportunities for Extension to participate in the National Fire Plan

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## RREA Funding Allocation FY02

- ❖ Increased funds distributed by formula to 1862 land grant universities
- ❖ Initiated capacity building within 1890 Land Grants
- ❖ Established small amount for a special focus of national importance

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## Focus Funding

- ❖ “to recommend strategies that would provide immediate results and have national impact for the future.”

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## Outcome

- ❖ Proposal, creation and first-year operation of a National Center for Web-based Learning
  - ❖ Based at University of Tennessee
  - ❖ Competitive proposals for module development

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## What We've Heard:

### Issues/Items on the Radar Screen

- ❖ Wildlife Society request for curriculum development to train TSP's
- ❖ NASF urge to expand audiences to elected and appointed leaders
- ❖ NRI shift to emphasize integrated projects
  - ❖ Air quality
  - ❖ Invasives
  - ❖ Plant genomics
  - ❖ Human nutrition/health
- ❖ NIPF/PFF considered within Bush's Healthy Forest Initiative
- ❖ Shared and leveraged funds within NGO community

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## Helpful Items from a State View

- ❖ Predictability
- ❖ Flexibility
- ❖ Equity
- ❖ Coherent, consistent and planned reporting
- ❖ Vigorous administrative leadership

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