

Feedback from FSC Assessor Training – SARE Workshop #2 Long Beach, WA – May 20-21, 2011

Qualitative responses:

1. How could this workshop be improved?

-Field example was ok but I would try to schedule a visit to a family forest landowner's forest. That would make the indoor exercises more practical.

-Run through an actual certification/verification project.

-Provide to each participant a printout of the power point used by Mike such that it could be referred to during and after class. Have handouts of FSC promotional pamphlets for each attendant. All more time to COC training.

- Coming out of the workshop, I would evaluate someone's management plan by closely referencing the FSC Stds, and think I would have a good ability to assess whether they were generally meeting criteria or just doing the minimum. I don't think the field visit provided enough detail to assess whether criteria for the Std was being met. It would have been more helpful to pull out the standard and actually do a stand exam, line by line.

2. What subject would you like to see covered in future workshops sponsored by NNRG?

-Realistic look at costs of certification/group certification for a small forest landowner, Costs of audits, (Additional) innovative marketing strategies and unique case studies (perhaps MARS!)

-Water rights as it relates to woodlot property owners. Soils and tree propagation on small woodlands. I would like to thank TNC and their staff for a thoroughly impressive presentation and tour. I enjoyed the trek through the timber stands and the corresponding explanation of the goals for each.

-Continuing education on aspects of FSC