Some Forest Policy Thoughts
For Woody Biomass

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Sustainability as Public Policy

Laws, Regulations and Dynamic Ecosystems

What about Scale?
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- Economic, Environmental Social Values

- Delivered Simultaneously, Not in Hierarchy
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- Goal should be to create the most possible for each set...Econ, Env, Soc.

- Goal should be to continuously improve each set of outputs
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Focus must be on:

-Defining outputs in some reasonably measurable way (what, not how much)

-Inter-relationships and Inter-dependencies between outputs
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- Inter-relationships and inter-dependencies are not precise sciences

- Policy setting should require that majority of the dialogue be directed here
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- Regulation tends to require stasis or reversion

- Dynamic ecosystems are neither static nor seeking to revert to some past state
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- Need to move away from stasis/reversion
- Towards outputs to achieve sustainability
- Has to be managed at smaller scales within a larger context
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-Creating desired outputs is much more achievable when it has value to landowners
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We have to have policy that flows clearly and logically from national to local
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Policy at the higher level must be flexible enough to allow adaption at the next level.
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Benefits of forest sustainability transcend ownership boundaries and so should policy.
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When policy gets to the ground level it must acknowledge the dynamic nature of ecosystems in order to achieve sustainability.
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Effective policy will work for sawlogs or biomass