

Some Forest Policy Thoughts For Woody Biomass

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Sustainability as Public Policy

*Laws, Regulations
and Dynamic Ecosystems*

What about Scale?

Sustainability as Public Policy

-Economic, Environmental
Social Values

-Delivered Simultaneously,
Not in Hierarchy

Sustainability as Public Policy

- 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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Laws, Regulations and Dynamic Ecosystems

- 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**