

Forestry Advisory Committee – Minutes Sept. 16, 2009

Attending: Tim Baker, Bill Hiney, Ray Miller, Frank Mileham, Don Campbell, Tom Schultz.

I. Pulis Demonstration project – Tim brought up that CR-FNR has been approached for a letter of support for the NorthCoast Regional Land Trust to acquire properties near McCann to develop as a demonstration forest. The idea being that NCRLT would acquire the land and continue to manage it while CR could use it as an educational lab. The biggest hindrance is simply the commute (approximately 1hr) for most labs. The committee agreed to the letter of support for the project – Tim will bring a copy to the next meeting.

As a tangent to the discussion, Tom Schultz brought up the idea about access to HRC lands closer to CR. Ray Miller, Bill Hiney and Tim agreed to meet and discuss possible locations and present them to Tom for consideration.

Some additional considerations were transportation (limitations discussed) and safety and logistics.

II. Program Review – Curriculum updates – Tim brought the committee up to speed about where we are with completing the Annual Program Review document and curriculum outlines. The initial draft is done and we're awaiting feedback. Tim expressed some frustration with the extent of the annual document and the usefulness of the process.

All of the FOR and NR courses are up to date though 2 (FOR 10/10L) are due for revision this semester. Bill talked a little about how to revise the course which will be offered in the Spring semester. Tim and Bill will work on the update for a future meeting.

III. General information – discussed the new Administration at CR and changes in the overall structure and implications for FOR/NR. The biggest handicap continues to be budgetary limitations for both equipment and transportation. Budgets were cut this year and we are searching for funding for the annual GIS license renewal in the Spring (\$2000).