2020 Indiana Forest Action Plan Process

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Two Part Process

- Statewide Assessment
- Statewide Strategy

- Deadline: June 2020

Statewide Assessment

- Sept 2018   Review forest issues – Stew. Mtg
- Oct/Nov 2018   Survey to rank forest issues
- Dec 2018   Analysis of survey results
- Jan-March 2019   Geospatial analysis
- June 2019   Draft assessment open for comment
- Aug 2019   Final draft available

Statewide Strategy

- Sept 2019   Strategy development– Stew. Mtg
- Jan 2020   Draft assessment open for comment
- April 2020   Final draft/submit to USFS

New for 2020

▶ Forest Legacy Assessment of Need (AON) needs to be incorporated into Forest Action Plan

▶ National Priorities Section

　　▶ Conserve working Forest Landscapes

　　▶ Protect Forests from Harm

　　▶ Enhance Public Benefits from Trees and Forests

Forest Issues

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Issues Identified for 2010 Assessment

- ▶ Availability of land for public recreation

- ▶ Conservation and maintenance of soil & water resources

- ▶ Conservation of biodiversity (including plant & wildlife habitat

- ▶ Conservation of forests that protect drinking water supplies

- ▶ Counterproductive government forest conservation related polices (including taxation, zoning, etc.)

Issues (continued)

- Forests not managed for carbon storage (carbon sequestration aspects not considered)

- Fragmentation and/or conservation of forests to another land use (e.g. development, homes, agriculture)

- High cost of forest ownership and low incentives to retain

- Inadequate public education about forests

- Inadequate youth education about forests

- Lack of active management on forests

Issues (continued)

- Lack of healthy woodlands and trees in urban areas, including city parks, street, and yard trees

- Over population of white-tailed deer

- Sustainable regeneration of oak woodlands

- Sustaining Indiana's forest product industry

- The control of forest fires (forest fire suppression)

- The loss of fire dependent plant communities and habitats (restoration of fire-adapted lands

Issues (continued)

- The spread and control of invasive species.
- Other issues???