NFPORS Conference Call February 18, 2004

Participating in the call were Russ Berry, Peter Bedker, Brandon Brown, Pat Moore, Sandy Gregory, Rick Willoughby, and Chris Pharr.

Peter Bedker presented a summary of the report of changes that would need to be made in order to use NFPORS to to collect, store and report information on the implementation of Title I of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003. The full report is attached.

This report was prepared with substantial input from Mark Beighley (FS) and Rick Tholen (BLM).

Sandy Gregory reported out on the review of the quality assurance rules (see attached report). A general consensus developed that if information was required it would be best to use a "hard" rule to force users to enter it when it is required rather that "soft" rules that require them to fix things after the fact.

Round Robin:

Question: How is DOI intending to pull the proposed FY05 work plan. Russ - DOI fuels managers have decided that activities and treatments will be counted toward the "proposed target" if they have an Approval Date entered. This needs to be done for the Bureaus by May 1.

Russ:

Peter and I are going to Portland next month to conduct two NFPORS "train-the-trainer" sessions. FS Region 6 as well as the WA and OR BLM State Offices have decided to discontinue the use of FASTRACS for national reporting and will begin using NFPORS on April 1. This requires some 250 people be trained.

Next meeting: March 24 at 3:00 PM EST.