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Report of the Silviculture Working Group

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I. WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION

Chairperson	Country	Organization
2019-2023 Jean-Martin Lussier	Canada	Canadian Forest Service
2023- Keith Moser	United States of America	US Forest Service
Member names	Country	Organization
Mary Ann Fajvan	United States of America	US Forest Service
Michael Saunders	United States of America	Purdue University
Pedro Antonio Plateros Gastelum	Mexico	CONAFOR
Vidal Guerra de la Cruz	Mexico	INIFAP
Patricia Hernández de la Rosa	Mexico	COLPOS
Valentín José Reyes Hernández	Mexico	COLPOS

II. LIST OF ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (done/ongoing)
SWG Business Meetings	<i>Videoconferences</i>	2021-09-23 2021-09-30 2021-10-07 2021-10-21	<i>Done</i>
Meeting on updates of the “Silvics of North America” project	<i>Videoconference</i>	<i>3 June 2022</i>	<i>Done</i>

III. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (done/ongoing)
Meeting to update of “Silvics of North America” project	<i>Videoconferences</i>	<i>December 2023 January 2024 May 2024 Fall 2024</i>	
Silviculture Working Group Annual Workshops	<i>Mexico Canada</i>	<i>Winter 2024 Fall 2025</i>	

IV. WORKING GROUP FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND/OR NETWORKING

Period September 2021 – 2023

Activity	Amount U.S. \$ (cash)	Amount U.S \$ (in-kind)
Participation in NAFC 2023 Meeting	1500	2300

V. REQUEST FOR FUNDING

1. The Silviculture Working Group will resume its annual in-person workshops in early 2024, with regular meetings in the fall of each year. The workshops typically require travel expenses from each participating country and in-kind salaries for 2-3 persons per country.
2. The project on the update of the Silvics of North America, led by Steve McNulty (US Forest Service) is currently supported in-kind by the US Forest Service and the Canadian Forest Service. No additional funding is needed for 2023-2025.

VI. CLOSING REMARKS

3. The activities of the Silviculture Working Group were almost halted by the pandemic. Videoconference meetings were held to replace in-person meetings, but translation issues hampered discussions and team building.
4. Despite the logistic difficulties, the project on the revision of the “Silvics of North America” has taken off and is currently underway. Active members of the Silviculture Working Group are participating at various levels. The SWG was instrumental to bring Canada and Mexico to collaborate with USA for this project. The role of the SWG within this project will be clarified in the upcoming year, in collaboration with the leaders of the project.
5. The Working Group representatives from Canada and Mexico are currently changing due to retirement and staff turnover.
6. The recommendation is to hold the next two workshops within less than 12 months both to facilitate team building as well as the discussions and decisions about the working group’s priorities and projects.
7. The update of the Silvics of North America is designed as an evergreen project, and it is suggested that it becomes one of the NAFC long-term activities.