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REPORT OF THE SILVICULTURE WORKING GROUP

PERIOD: May 2012-May 2014

1. WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION

Chairperson	Country	Organization
Mary Ann Fajvan	USA	**USDA Forest Service**
Member Names	**Country**	**Organization**
Germánico Galicai Garcia	Mexico	**CONAFOR**
Martin Mendoza B.	Mexico	**Colegio de Postgraduados**
José Jesús Rangel Piñón	Mexico	**CONAFOR**
Patricia Negreros Castillo	Mexico	**INIFOR**
Alejandro Velázquez Martínez	Mexico	**Colegio de Postgraduados**
Joseph Anawati	Canada	**Natural Resources Canada**
Roger Whitehead	Canada	**Natural Resources Canada**
Jean-Martin Lussier	Canada	**Natural Resources Canada**
Margaret Devall	USA	**USDA Forest Service**
Aaron Weiskittel	USA	**University of Maine**
Marilyn Buford (OBSERVER)	USA	**USDA Forest Service**

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2. (A) LIST OF ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (done/ongoing)
Silviculture Working Group Annual meeting and Study Tour. Theme: Genetics and tree fiber research for adding value to forests.	Quebec City	May 7-10 2012	Done
Funding request from CONAFOR to support development of *Pinus ponderosa* silvicultural guide.		June 2012	Done
Develop silvicultural guide for *Pinus ponderosa* using new data from Mexico.		July 2012-April 2013	Draft completed and in review
Revise, expand and update the NAFC Report: "Forest Plantations in North America."		January 2013	Draft for Mexico completed

2. (B) PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (ongoing/new)
Revise, expand and update the NAFC Report: "Forest Plantations in North America."		May to December 2013	Ongoing
Write proposal to request funding (from NAFC members, partners and other agencies) to support the development of silvicultural guides for mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla* King).		August 2013	New
Develop quantitative silviculture guides for the second species, mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla* King).		2014	New
Annual meeting and Study Tour of the Silviculture Working Group held in conjunction with the Walnut Council annual meeting. Theme: Quality hardwood management in the eastern deciduous forest (USA hosts).	Pennsylvania and West Virginia, USA	July 20-25 2013	New
Annual meeting and Study Tour of the Silviculture Working Group	Mexico	2014	New

3. WORKING GROUP FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND/OR NETWORKING

Period

Activity	Amount U.S. $ (cash)	Amount U.S. $ (in-kind)
Development of Silviculture Guide for *Pinus ponderosa*	$2,000	6 months
Silviculture Working Group annual meeting and Study Tour 2013	$10,200 Travel $5,000 USFS Program delivery	20 Days

4. REQUEST FOR FUNDING AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT

Project Needs:

Develop quantitative silviculture guides for the second species, mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla* King), using data from Patricia Negreros Castillo and possible incorporation of plantation growth data from ejido Naranjal Poniente. The focus will be on stocking and thinning guidelines. Technical and financial assistance will be required for data collection, synthesis and analyses. (The amount of assistance that may be requested will be determined during discussions at our anual meeting July 20-25, 2013).

Travel Funds:

Travel assistance will be provided from USFS International Programs for Working Group Chair, Mary Ann Fajvan, to attend NAFC meeting October 15-19, 2013, in Madison, WI, USA. AMOUNT: $1500

Working group members will request travel assistance from their respective agencies to attend the 2014 Silviculture Working Group Meeting, hosted by Mexico. Location not yet determined so travel costs are estimates: TOTAL: $11,000 ($4000 Mexico, $4000 Canada, $3000 USA).

5. CLOSING REMARKS