

## ABOVE SDT Leadership Meeting – 10/15/13

Attending: P.Griffith, E.Kasischke, D.Hayes, L.Larson; Rapporteur: E.Hoy

### Recent and Upcoming Meetings

1. Next ABOVE Leadership Telecon: October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am eastern
2. Next ABOVE Full SDT Telecon: October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm eastern
3. P. Griffith attended the NSF Arctic Logistics meeting the week of October 7th
  - a. Made contacts with relevant arctic researchers
  - b. Workshop report will be available by January
4. E.Kasischke attending a CCRN meeting the week of October 22nd
  - a. A data system will be developed by CCRN to showcase projects
  - b. Eric will touch base with the CCRN database contact

### Current Business:

1. New telecon schedule and workflow timeline
  - c. An updated telecon schedule was proposed by D.Hayes and accepted by the group – this will be sent to the SDT as part of a larger email
  - d. The remaining telecons will focus on plans for Ottawa, a strategy to complete the ACEP, a discussion of Chapter 4 and an overview of the ArcGIS Online system
5. Template for 'Research Requirements' table
  - a. While individual small groups may each have a unique set of research requirements, a template or standardized table was requested by small groups as they work on the research requirements table for Chapter 4 of the ACEP
  - b. Important aspects of the table include spatial extent, temporal extent, research gaps and existing datasets for both plot scale and landscape scale measurements
  - c. The table developed by the Vegetation group could act as a template (it includes scale issues, field data, RS data and modeling data columns)
  - d. A standardized table and work flow was suggested by the co-chairs:
    - i. Table structure: Columns of the table will include variable, sub variable, temporal requirements, local scale and regional scale measurements (based on the table developed by the Vegetation group)
    - ii. Work flow: Each small group will fill out the variable and sub variable columns. Then the co-chairs will review each table and assign groups variables and sub variables for which to complete the remainder of the table (to avoid duplication by groups). Groups would be encouraged to discuss progress with each other. As an example, the vegetation group has some information on permafrost issues, so these groups can begin to discuss requirements with one another.
  - e. **Action Item:** Co-chair D.Hayes will create a standardized table and add the permafrost group's information into the table as an example for the other groups to follow. The table will be distributed as to the SDT as part of a larger email.

6. Update on data layers & GIS
  - a. P.Griffith and E.Hoy have been entering data layers into the ArcGIS Online system (AGOL) including geospatial datasets and high-level research site locations
  - b. A demo of this system will be given at the next SDT telecon on October 24th
7. Chapters 1, 2, and 3 writing status and schedule Chapters 1-3
  - a. SDT Co-chairs are currently working on these chapters and will provide a draft to the SDT shortly
  - b. The co-chairs will suggest areas within the ACEP where individual groups can refine the document
8. Ottawa meeting agenda and strategy for organizing SDT work
  - a. **Action Item:** The co-chairs will send an email to the group by Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> with an updated completion strategy including new the telecon schedule, the research requirements table template with permafrost group example, and possibly text for Chapters 1-3 if it is available.