

ABOVE SDT Leadership Meeting 5/29/2013

Attendees: Libby L., Eric K., Peter G., Dan H.; Rapporteur: Liz H.

New Business

1. Next SDT Leadership meeting: June 4th at 9am
2. Forest Inventory of Alaska
 - a. Forest Service is working on determining a way to inventory forests in Alaska (currently not part of the FIA)
 - b. Sean Healy of the Forest Service contacted Dan H. in La Jolla to see if there could be any collaboration between ABOVE and the FS idea to improving the forest inventory in Alaska
 - c. A Doodle poll has been set up to schedule a meeting to discuss the idea between the ABOVE and FS groups
 - d. *Action Item*: Dan to resend the doodle poll to the ABOVE leadership group
3. Updates on ACEP Chapters 1 and 2
 - a. Eric K. and Dan H. have been working on a drafts of Chapters 1 and 2
 - b. Individual SDT members have turned in Homework 2 assignments so that Dan H. can incorporate this information into Chapter 2
 - c. No small groups have turned in Homework 1 (due date was yesterday) but this information is expected soon so that Eric K. and Dan H. can incorporate it into the ACEP
 - d. An idea was raised to have small groups do presentations at the SDT meeting to discuss their topic and provide input for Chapter 3 of the ACEP
 - e. *Action Item*: Dan H. will begin to analyze the Homework #2 responses in order to prepare a table of "Big Things" to give to individual groups as they develop ideas for Chapter 3. Once groups have developed ideas for Chapter 3, then discussions can begin on Chapter 4 (research strategy)
4. Fairbanks Logistics
 - a. Basic logistics – meeting space for SDT is confirmed, July 10th round table discussion space estimate is needed (10-20 additional people, a classroom style room for 40 people will be needed)
 - i. *Action Item*: Peter G. to work on room set-up for the round table discussion
 - b. Goals and Objectives for the Fairbanks meeting – Have the SDT begin the meeting with Chapter 3 presentations and discussion, then spend time on Chapter 4
 - c. Post-meeting trips – Vehicles for the side trips have been secured; reservations for Toolik Lake have been made (Mike Able has helped with Toolik Lake logistics); the Barrow reservations have been made and the attendees need to be sure and fill out the required forms
 - d. LTER side meetings – Eric K. is waiting for LTER researchers to respond regarding the pre- and post-meeting LTER trips
 - i. *Action Item*: Eric K. to continue to contact LTER researchers

- e. *Action Item:* Peter G. to contact Matthew Strum and/or Guido Grosse for a permafrost tunnel tour
 - f. *Action Item:* Peter G. to add ABoVE science leadership to US Gov contacts list serve
5. Meeting 3 of the SDT Planning
- a. While the idea has been floated to have this meeting in Ottawa, plans have not yet been made
 - b. *Action Item:* Libby L. to discuss this meeting with Diane W. and determine what interactions are needed with Canadian groups/agencies prior to this meeting
6. Pre-ABoVE Mini Science Team Report (Peter G.)
- a. The Pre-ABoVE Data call lead to 5 investigators with projects relevant to ABoVE
 - b. Peter G. is in contact with all 5 to ensure products are in consistent and readable formats useful to ABoVE
 - c. Eric K. suggested including his CMS project in these discussions
 - d. One of the funded projects is lead by Skip Walker who has associations with GINA (Geospatial Information Network of Alaska) and he has introduced Peter to this group. Peter will be meeting with this group in Fairbanks following the SDT meeting.
 - i. *Action Item:* Invite GINA to the SDT round table discussion
 - e. A CarboNA meeting was just held and Peter G. was put in contact with a group of Canadians which could be useful in fostering further discussions with the Canadian government (contacts are Dan McClellan and Catherine St.Marie)