

## Progress Report 2

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#### “Enhancing Western Managers’ Knowledge and Use of Available Economic and Financial Biomass Information and Tools”

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#### **Annotated Bibliography**

A revised (September 29, 2008) draft of our annotated bibliography (Annotated\_Bib\_v4a.pdf) has been prepared. The revised bibliography includes citations for more than 10 models, more than 50 peer-reviewed articles or station publications, and more than 20 other, primarily web-based, data sources. Additional citations are anticipated to be added by co-PIs, through input from cooperators and reviewers, and as additional information is discovered through the remaining focus groups and ongoing literature review.

#### **Preliminary Contacts**

In preparation for the focus group meetings with federal land managers, we spoke with about a dozen federal land managers, mostly with NFS and BLM, in CA, CO, MT, NM, and OR. These preliminary telephone conversations focused on a few key questions, and responses to those questions shaped the agenda/discussion points for the focus groups.

#### **Focus Groups**

The majority of focus groups have been completed. Todd Morgan, Jason Brandt, and Kathleen Songster of BBER traveled and conducted focus groups with five of the six western NFS regions during June through mid-September and anticipate completing the remaining NFS region and meetings with BLM, and NPS personnel in October.

#### **Related Items**

Our request for a no-cost extension (until 12/31/2009) was approved by JFSP, and paperwork confirming the extension is expected from FPL in a few weeks. During November, Brandt and Morgan will be presenting a poster of study methods and preliminary findings at the Society of American Foresters National Convention in Reno, NV.

#### **Budget**

	Total	Spent	Unspent	Contributed
FPL	\$ 7,940	\$	\$	\$
UM BBER	\$131,374	\$61,048	\$70,325	\$39,421
UM CFC	\$ 38,359	\$27,824	\$10,535	\$
RMRS	\$ 8,653	\$0	\$ 8,653	\$ 2,000