

Northeast Texas Conservation Delivery Network Steering Committee Meeting

Alazan Bayou WMA
December 9, 2014

Meeting Summary

The NETX CDN Steering Committee met on December 9, 2014 at the Alazan Bayou WMA . Steering Committee members present were CDN Chair Laura Speight, CDN Vice Chair, Jared Laing (TPWD), Steve Arey (USFWS/PFW), Bill Adams for Corey Mason (TPWD), Shane Harrington (TFS), Wes Moorehead (TFS), Jim Neal (CLI), and Jason Hohlt for Jim Rogers (NRCS). Also attending was Jason Estrella (TPWD) and Doyle Shook (LMVJV).

The meeting agenda is included with this summary. Presentation and actions taken by the Steering Committee were as follows:

LMVJV Website Information

Doyle Shook(LMVJV) gave a short presentation demonstrating the availability of NETX CDN information on the LMVJV.org website. The website includes the CDN Operating Guidelines, Strategic Plan, an Informational Flyer and meeting summaries for both CDN and Steering Committee meetings. Committee members and CDN members are encouraged to use the site as a place to direct inquires about the purpose and activities of the CDN.

Delivery Prioritization Tool Working Group Report

Jason Estrella (TPWD), Chair of the CDN Delivery Prioritization Tool Working Group reported to the Steering Committee on the work of the Working Group and their proposed Delivery Prioritization Tool. The Working Group members are Jim Rogers (NRCS), Jason Hardin (TPWD), Allen Smith (TFS) and Craig Bonds (TPWD). The Working Group considered fourteen different datasets to use in developing the Prioritization Tool and selected five inputs for use in the recommended Tool. Those five inputs were the TPWD Wild Turkey model, the LMVJV WGCPO Open Pine Landbird model, a Shortleaf Site Suitability Index model constructed by Allen Smith(TFS), the EMS

riparian vegetation layer and the Texas Ecologically Significant Streams layer; all tested within different combinations of each other. After reviewing the focal areas identified by the Tool the Committee asked that the Ecologically Significant Streams data not be included in the model.

The Working Group is scheduled to report to the full CDN on March 3, 2015 with their proposed Prioritization Tool.

NETX CDN Project Identification

The Steering Committee discussed various ways for the CDN to identify potential delivery projects within the focal areas identified by the Delivery Prioritization Tool. Methods discussed were: a general project discussion at the next CDN; development of a Working Group to develop a project list; distribution of a project scoping form; and a special meeting of the CDN specifically focused on developing a CDN catalog of delivery priorities for the focal areas and a delivery project list associated with those priorities. It was recognized that the CDN Strategic Plan provided the guidance for the development of the Prioritization Tool and also listed related delivery priorities. The Steering Committee agreed that this same discussion should also be held at the next full CDN meeting with the goal being to develop some tangible steps toward compiling a list of potential delivery projects that would address the highest conservation priorities for each focal area.

Next NETX CDN Meeting

The Steering Committee selected March 3, 2015 as the date for the next full CDN meeting. The meeting will be held at the TPWD Nature Center in Tyler, TX. The Committee also selected four topics for presentations to the CDN:

Detection of Invasive Species Pilot Project
NRCS National Water Quality Initiative
Shortleaf Pine Initiative
Texas Longleaf Implementation Team

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

AGENDA

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Meeting Objectives: 1) Priority tool working group report; 2) Identify possible projects in the NETX CDN service area; 3) Set date/location/agenda for next general membership meeting

9:30 – 9:45 **Welcome** **Laura Speight**

9:45 – 10:00 **CDN Information on LMVJV Website** **Doyle Shook**

10:00- 12:00 **Delivery Priority Tool Working Group report**
Jason Estrella

-Q&A/Discussion
-Determine Next Action Step for DPT

12:00– 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 – 2:00 **CDN Project Identification** **Laura Speight**

-CDN Project Identification Process Discussion
-Other Potential Projects
-Q&A/Discussion

2:00 – 3:00 **Next General Membership Meeting** **Laura Speight**

-Next meeting Location/Date/Agenda

-Potential Topics Other Than DPT **Doyle Shook**

- NRCS National Water Quality Initiative Jim Rogers?
- NRCS RCPP Funding Opportunities ????
- Shortleaf Pine Initiative Mike Black, McRee Anderson, Doug Zollner
- TX Longleaf Implementation Team Kent Evans
- LMVJV Forest Management Database Anne Mini
- LMVJV Water Management Tool Anne Mini
- LMVJV Land Ownership Tool Steve Brock

- LMVJV WGCPO Landbird Planning Anne Mini, Cliff Shackleford

3:00 – 4:00

Other CDN Considerations

Laura Speight

- Open to floor
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