Alaska SAF Workforce Development Committee
Agenda – 10/16/2018

1. Introductions – committee member or advisor?
   a. Who and if you are representing anyone other than yourself
   b. Why are you engaging with this committee?
   c. Are we missing important representatives?
      i. DOF – sent message to Chris Maisch
      ii. SE Forest Academy – I’ve sent inquiries, but no responses.
      iii. Others?

   a. What should the scope of this committee be?
      i. Suggest we keep narrow initially so there is something to report to membership in April. At that time, continuation and direction of committee can be decided.
   b. What additional information is needed?

3. Next steps
   a. Identify tasks before next meeting (my suggestions – open for discussion).
      i. Collect additional information if needed.
      ii. Compile a list of forest employers with contact information.
      iii. Develop questions for a short labor market assessment survey.
      iv. Others?
   b. Identify leads for each task.
   c. Next meeting?

Minutes:

In attendance: Kate Legner – USFS, FIA Coordinator in Interior AK; Beth Schultz – USFS, FIA program in SC AK; Ken Winterberger – retired USFS; Nathan Lojewski – Chugachmiut; Paul Twardock – Alaska Pacific University; John Yarie – Professor Emeritus, UAF.

- Survey responses boil down to two major points:
  o What is the current demand for vocational and professional forest workers in Alaska?
  o What are the education and skills needed to do those jobs?
- Secondary questions include:
  o Are the education and training needs of vocational and professional foresters in Alaska being met?
  o What institutions/entities are currently providing vocational or professional forest training?
  o Who are the potential forest workers in Alaska?
- Committee will keep initial scope narrow to be able to produce a statement of some sort in time for the annual Alaska SAF conference in April 2019.
• Members will review background materials sent prior to this meeting, as well as look for other examples of forest industry Labor Market Assessments.
• Beth suggested contacting authors of the 2011 USFS Alaska Forest Industry report for their input.
• Meg will draft a proposed scope of activities for this committee and circulate among the committee for comments.
• Next audio will be after scope approved by the group and contact with USFS report authors.
• Meg will continue to follow up with email and set up the next call.