

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?
2. Review of survey responses.
 - 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:
 - What is the current demand for vocational and professional forest workers in Alaska?
 - What are the education and skills needed to do those jobs?
- Secondary questions include:
 - Are the education and training needs of vocational and professional foresters in Alaska being met?
 - What institutions/entities are currently providing vocational or professional forest training?
 - 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.