

Healthy Forests Reserve Program

NEAP 1st National Planning Meeting, Kansas City, 14-15 March 2011

Program Information

1. HFRP is **intended to protect** forestland resources for T&E Listed species as well as Candidate species, State listed species, and species identified by the NRCS Chief.

Measurable Indicators

1. **Landscape metrics** including proximity to core areas and fragmentation are essential in recovery of T&E species and should be considered when monitoring easements.
2. Target species include T&E species and others such as **Partners in Flight Focal Species** or Species listed in **State Wildlife Action Plans**.

Monitoring Implementation

1. Indicators that can be **monitored remotely** are highly feasible.
2. Various levels of monitoring will be recommended for Easement monitoring to be successful, some of which need to **involve partners** such as state wildlife agencies and NGO's.
3. **Consider landowner self-reporting or contracting** out monitoring.
 - a. Include in the management plan a requirement of landowners to contract out monitoring
4. Use of **reference photos on evaluation sheets** to provide some sense of the range of conditions that are expected.
5. Use **pre-existing monitoring protocols** – do not “reinvent the wheel.”

Adaptive Management

1. HFRP is not solely aimed at **timber production**, however could be a part of the management plan and/or can be implemented into management.
2. Where is the **management money** going to come from?
 - a. Consider allocating separate funds for maintaining easement condition

Carbon Sequestration

1. This topic **was not discussed** in Kansas City because we did not have the appropriate expertise in attendance.