

Intertribal Timber Council Questionnaire Regarding the IFMAT-II Report

Individual filling out questionnaire (check appropriate line)

Tribal government _____ Tribal Forestry _____ BIA Employee _____ Other _____

Your program is located in which region?

Southwest _____ NW _____ Alaska _____ Navajo _____ Pacific _____ Western _____
 Rocky Mtn. _____ East _____ Midwest _____ Great Plains _____ S. Plains _____ E. Okla. _____

1. Has your tribe reviewed the IFMAT-II report? Yes _____ No _____

Comments _____

Please circle the number that reflects your opinion of the priority that should be given to each of these potential follow-up actions (5 though 1, with 5=high priority; 3=average; 1=low priority).

2. Publicity- The public at large needs to know about the successes and challenges of Indian forestry. Publicity in professional journals is a good way to reach a knowledgeable, yet wide, audience. Like the special issue of the Journal of Forestry following IFMAT-I, there could be another issue series of articles on important topics in Indian forestry. These articles should emphasize the theme of Indian forestry as an example of effective, professional forestry driven by community goals. Important topics are forest health; woodlands; fire; community involvement. Similarly, a special edition of *Evergreen Magazine* could also be published. The distribution of *Evergreen Magazine* is larger than that of the *Journal of Forestry*. The tribes could benefit from your ideas of how to pay for and use other media.

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3. Timber sale administration workshops - Following IFMAT-I, three regional seminars were held to take the message of the report to the regional level. In order to continue the momentum generated by the IFMAT-II report, that a series of one to two day workshops could be offered at six locations around the country for tribal and BIA forest managers (timber sale officers). The workshops will focus on the subject of timber sales management and marketing, and also give an overview of the IFMAT-II report. IFMAT-II found that certain aspects of the timber sale process could be improved to more efficiently use staff time and to better attain tribal management goals. One or two members of IFMAT-II could present the workshops.

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4. Unfunded mandates--Based on forest management budgets, interviews, and a BIA study, it is apparent that voluntary compliance with federal laws such as NEPA and ESA are causing a financial strain on tribes. In order to determine exactly what the burden is a detailed study is needed on reservation across the country. Both tribal and allotment forestlands will be evaluated. The study should be combined with management planning because much of the same data is needed.

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5. Woodlands comprise the largest acreage of forested lands in Indian country. The management of such an extensive system is exceedingly difficult as populations grow and staff shrinks. Woodland management requires interdisciplinary problem solving and use of technology to protect the resource. IFMAT-II found that monitoring, inventory, and management planning are deficient for woodlands. Range management, hazardous fuels reduction, and firewood harvesting will improve when monitoring, inventory, and planning are in place. Tribes should seek to increase staffing devoted to woodlands management, expand the use of remote sensing and GIS for monitoring. Options should be explored to finance this work with biomass energy production, or other sources.

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6. Marketing program. Tracking log markets, mill capacity, small diameter wood markets, transport costs, and markets for finished lumber requires staff specially dedicated to these tasks especially when markets are more diverse and geographically dispersed. One way to simplify this is to find a means to provide centralized market data and analysis, which was once done by the BIA. IFMAT-II recommends that five full-time equivalent staff (regional coordinators) be added, one for each aggregated region of the country (Northwest, Southwest, Lake states, Southeast and East, and Alaska), to do market research and marketing. The estimated cost would be \$250,000 per year in salary and benefits. A second option would be to offer market data and analysis on a subscription basis. This service would require one to two FTEs, which could be under the employ of ITC or an independent firm at a total cost of \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year, which would need to be covered by subscriptions.

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7. Other suggested follow-up actions:

Would your tribe be interested in participating in the development of an action plan as a follow-up to the IFMAT-II report
 _____ Yes _____ No

If so, please provide a name, E-mail and phone number of the appropriate individual to contact:

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

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