NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
August 17, 2011 Meeting
Meeting Notice and Draft Agenda

The next Natural Resources Committee meeting will be
Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 4:00 PM
in the WRC conference room.

Draft Agenda

1. Minutes
   Review and approval of Draft Minutes of July 13, 2011 meeting (encl.)

2. Guest speakers Bill Guenther, Sam Schneski, and Chris Stone, FP&R foresters
   Potential topics for discussion include, but are not limited to:
   • A comparison of what VT is doing in terms of forest management with what other
     states, e.g., MA, NH, and NY, are doing;
   • How region towns are managing municipal forests and how well are they doing it;
   • Whether it is feasible to maintain the present percentage of forest landcover, and,
     if so, how best to go about pursuing it;
   • Forests managed for conservation as opposed to production;
   • Current use (Use Value Appraisal) program;
   • Invasive species, especially the insects Emerald Ash Borer, Hemlock Woolly
     Adelgid, and Asian Longhorned Beetle, but also plants, e.g. glossy buckthorn;
   • Deer herd management;
   • Possible Committee follow up public informational forum on biomass issues; and
   • Potential issues and related policies for the next update of the regional plan.

3. Updates
   • Deerfield Wind, NEPA status
   • Blue Heron Hydro, Townshend and Ball Mountain dam projects FERC status
   • Basin Farm Renewables, Saxtons River Twin Falls project, FERC status and draft
     WRC Motion to Intervene and Comments (handout)
   • CT River, discuss FERC license compliance investigation request and supporting
     analysis rebutting 2008 Full River Reconnaissance claim erosion is decreasing

4. Other business