

Landscape Habitat (Mapping) Subcommittee of the
Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee
Telephone Conference – April 14, 2008

Draft Summary

Participants:

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The group discussed and agreed to circulate the revised draft purpose statement below:

**Landscape/Habitat Subcommittee of the
Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee**

Draft Subcommittee Purpose:

- The key purpose of this subcommittee is to assist the full FAC in maintaining an essential and consistent focus on the potential impacts on habitats, particularly on a landscape level.
- Inventory various landscape mapping and analysis tools and other techniques and the methods and parameters by which these tools characterize status of habitats
- Evaluate:
 - accuracy and objectivity of the tools, including their ability to incorporate and characterize individual species' landscape habitat needs, ecologically important landscapes, and cumulative impacts (Joanne suggests not needed); and
 - the user-friendliness and cost-effectiveness of the tools.
- Produce a statement of needs for development of landscape mapping and analysis tools.
- Based on the subcommittee's findings, develop appropriate recommendations to the full FAC (e.g., standards or processes for acquiring and applying maps and other information and tools), and address varying degrees of scientific rigor in application recommendations.

Discussion about mapping:

The group reviewed a draft mapping discussion outline prepared by Mike Daulton. Mike will edit the draft based on the conversation and the group agreed that it needed much more time to talk about the pros cons of preparing maps and use of the maps and will propose to the FAC that the Subcommittee meet in person to explore this question more extensively.

Next Steps:

- Renee and Mike talk and develop a plan to brief the Subcommittee.
- All review draft Subcommittee Purpose statement
- Agree on next steps after the FAC meeting
- get briefed on FWS endangered species division IPAC data base set up for consultations on endangered species.
- The group will meet the evening of April 22 in Renee Braud's room at the Holiday Inn, at 8:00 pm.