

Sale of National Forest Land Parcels, Proposed by the Bush Administration February 2006

Below is a compilation of responses made on 23 January 2007 by the FOR 100 teams, to three questions regarding information needs, information sources, and potential decision-makers.

Members of the class selected for further research those information needs highlighted in yellow. You are responsible to address the specific information need(s) that you adopted, as indicated below. Come to our final regular class session on Thursday, 26 April, prepared to present and discuss the information that you find.

What information do you think would be needed to make a sound decision on the proposed policy?

- What is the largest lot size that can be sold in one transaction? (Levi Anderson)
- Where in the forest (interior vs. periphery) are the tracts located? (Aaron Lewis)
- For what purpose would the land be used once purchased? (Matt Guerriero, Tania West)
- What percentage of the forest is for sale? (Aaron Slone, Brian Hovekamp, Brady Hamel)
- How much income would the sales generate? (Brian Foertsch, Grant Fletcher)
- Whom and for what purpose(s) would the sales benefit?
- Accurate numbers (land & money)
- Land value (Jered Engle, Rick Wagner)
- Timber value (Chuck Carter, Rick Wagner)
- Past legislation
- Does cost vs. land ratio make sense?
- How long would money last? (Andrew Whittle)
- Is it a sound future investment? (Jamin Kozak)
- Where are the lands exactly?
- How much land is proposed to be sold? (John Stanko, Shan Dutta, Mike Donovan, Patrick Sweeney)
- For what will land be used? (2)
- Percentage of land coming back to county?
- How sustainable the money will be?
- Why is it necessary?
- Have other options been considered? (Jordan Hay, Ross Dixon)
- Are there restrictions on what they can do with the land?
- Who is buying? (Sam Deering)
- Restrictions on land?

Where, or from whom, do you think you would you be able to find the needed information?

- Internet (2)
- National Park Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- USGS
- County governments (2)
- Timber harvesting company
- Government organization
- Economist
- Forest Service
- Department of Agriculture
- People from the rural counties

Who should decide whether or not to implement the proposed land sales?

- Federal legislature
- Local referendums
- State and local legislatures
- State or local decision (specifically people whom it affects/benefits)
- Combination of local citizens, local & state governments, and federal government
- People who work in forests who know where endangered and rare species are
- Federal government
- Foresters