

2017 FIA Stakeholder Science Meeting

Doing More with the Core

October 24-26, 2017

Park City, Utah

Announcement and First Call for Papers

The Forest Service's Forest Inventory and Analysis Program (FIA) is the primary source of information about our forests' status and trends. A network of nationally consistent field observations forms FIA's core, and active collaboration with clients and peer organizations ensures that the resulting inventory remains agile, comprehensive, and relevant.

An FIA Stakeholder Science Meeting is planned for October 24-26th, 2017 to bring key FIA personnel together with important partners and peers. The theme for this meeting, "Doing More with the Core," targets innovation around how FIA analyzes, augments, and delivers information derived from its central data collection operations. Specific goals include:

- Maximizing the value of the "annual" sample design adopted by the Program approximately 15 years ago;
- Developing better delivery tools that meet client needs and that take advantage of ever-expanding options for data visualization and communication;
- Assuring data continuity that supports a variety of land manager needs;
- Integrating more powerful and efficient monitoring technologies and statistical techniques into established analysis lines; and,
- Supporting FIA's expansion in areas targeted by the most recent Farm Bill (enhanced timber product monitoring, improved carbon/biomass estimates, enhanced ownership study, land cover/use research, urban inventory, monitoring of Interior AK, and small area estimation).

Presentation abstracts are due May 5th, 2017.

Papers/presentations: Submit abstracts less than 300 words in length, and include the corresponding author's name, phone number, address, affiliation, and email address. There is also an additional option for publication of an extended abstract (see below).

Contributed sessions: Submit sessions organized around a central theme and identify at least 3 submitted presentation abstracts. Proposals should identify the session's organizer, and should give a 1-paragraph justification/summary.

Hands-on data delivery demonstrations: Submit a description of a map, web interface, tool, app, or publication that expands how FIA data is shared with potential clients. Demonstrations will take place in an open, poster session-style session. Include author name, affiliation, and contact information.

Publication of Proceedings: Meeting presenters are encouraged to more fully document their contributions by submitting an extended abstract for inclusion in a General Technical Report. Extended abstracts will be distributed digitally at the meeting, and must be reviewed, edited, and approved by the author's organization for submission by **May 5th, 2017**. These papers will have a 5-page limit and may have up to 2 figures and 2 tables. A 300-word abstract (described above) is needed for the program, and must be submitted whether or not an extended abstract is also submitted. Extended abstract guidelines will be posted soon on the meeting website. All abstracts should be sent to fia.stakeholder.meeting@gmail.com

For more information, please contact the meeting organizers: fia.stakeholder.meeting@gmail.com