

Northeast Temperate Inventory and Monitoring Network Technical Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP, Woodstock Vermont

Time: 1 pm Tuesday, 18 November 2003 – 3 pm Wednesday, 19 November 2003

Objectives

- 1) Review the roles and responsibilities of the Northeast Temperate Network (NETN) Technical Steering Committee.
- 2) Review the NETN Phase 1 report with emphasis on the integration of Natural Heritage Ecological Integrity Ranking into the NETN long-term monitoring program.
- 3) Discuss and decide on method to prioritize “vital signs” for parks and the Network.
- 4) Discuss topics and logistics for an integrated Acadia/northeast forest monitoring workshop to be held in May 2004.

AGENDA

Tuesday 1:00-5:00

- I. Introductions
- II. Roles and responsibilities of Technical Steering Committee
 - A. Review of reports and project proposals
 - B. Membership duration
 - C. Expectations
- III. Phase I in the Vital Signs Program
 - Review and discussion of Phase I Report
 1. Introduction
 2. Conceptual Models
 - a) Outline of the approach
 - b) Their value
 - c) How to involve them in the Vital Signs & park planning processes
 3. Case Studies of System Models
 - a) Hemlock-Hardwood System
 - b) Vernal Pool Subsystem
 - c) Jefferson Salamander
 4. Ecological Integrity Assessment
 - a) Hemlock-Hardwood Forest System

Wednesday 8:30-3:00

- I. Ways to prioritize “Vital Signs”
 - A. Analytic hierarchy process, DELPHI, BOGSAT, etc.
 - B. Which methods (or combinations) work best?
 - C. What approach should the NETN take?
- II. Planning for an integrated Acadia/forest monitoring workshop
 - A. History of funding/proposal
 - B. Locations, invitees, topics, dates