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Agenda
Chesapeake Bay Forestry Workgroup (FWG)
November 2015 Meeting

Conference Call
November 4th, 2015, 9 AM – 10:30 AM

Conference Line: 888-844-9904, **Code:** 680-2405#
Adobe Connect: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/fwg/>

Meeting objective: Discuss forest conservation and tracking toward the 695,000 acre goal in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

9:00 Welcome and Introductions

Rebecca Hanmer, Chair

9:10 Discussion on Existing Layers and Current Process

Sally Claggett (USFS) and State Leads will discuss their existing definition of high-value forest, and the map layer(s) used to define them. They will also share their current process to estimate acres preserved in each state. Maps of each state's high-value forest will be displayed.

9:40 Discussion on Redefining High-Value Forest

Participants will discuss redefining high-value forest so that it can be consistently mapped across the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The following definition will be considered:

Draft Goal:

Protect the Chesapeake watershed's most ecologically and economically valuable forest land from conversion--headwater forests, riparian forests, forest blocks greater than 1,000 acres, and highly productive timber growing soils.

[Note: These are mappable qualities with which the FWG will work with the CBP GIS Team to produce in map form. Any additions should also be mappable using existing layers.]

10:10 Round Robin Updates

10:30 Adjourn