

Research Forests Advisory Committee  
February 10, 2021

Advisory Committee Members present (via Zoom): Woodam Chung, Michael Collins, Stephen Fitzgerald, Fred Kamke, Ian Munanura, Michael Nelson, Matt Powers, Jim Rivers

Not present: Emily Jane Davis

### **Agenda and minutes**

1. **Background documents** – The advisory committee reviewed background documents related to the Research Forests. Documents included the 2005 Forest Plan, Research Forests recreation survey, and public comment and information session summaries.
2. **Discuss advisory committee working agreement** - The advisory committee discussed how to operate as a committee. Suggestions were made to keep meeting minutes and review for accuracy, share information from meetings with the public, allow for spaces where every voice on the committee is heard during meetings, moderate meetings to ensure the advisory stays on topic, and ways to ensure committee members treat each other with respect. A sample document for community guidelines was shared with the advisory committee. Committee members agreed it could serve as a template for work, and the committee will tailor and approve it at the next meeting.
3. **Discussion of draft Research Forests vision, mission, and goals** - The advisory committee discussed a draft Research Forests vision, mission, and goals documented presented to the Forestry Executive Committee in January 2020. Suggestions to improve the vision included removing maximum support, sharing broadly with the college for feedback, and aiming to be more aspirational to address issues more significant than the college. Suggestions to improve the mission included addressing social and cultural values, addressing alternative management styles, and addressing revenue appropriately. Tips to strengthen goals include managing cultural values and diverse opportunities, broadening recreation, addressing community voices, and making stewardship goals clear. The advisory committee's discussion about the document will continue at the March meeting.