

2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Forest Management Review Commission

Pursuant to Section 7, Article 24, Chapter 5 of the Code of West Virginia, the West Virginia Forest Management Review Commission (FMRC) makes the following report to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance for the period of June 2006 through January 2007.

June 2006

Mr. Stuart Moss, Assistant Professor of Forest Economics and Business Management at WVU Division of Forestry, presented to the committee the forestry tax comparison of neighboring states. He provided the members with a slide show and a handout titled "A Comparison of Taxes Incurred During the Production and Delivery of Hardwood Sawtimber in Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia" which was prepared by Stuart Moss and Kathryn Arano, Assistant Professor.

July 2006

Mr. Randy Dye, Director of the Division of Forestry, presented to the committee the Division of Forestry's Annual Forest Fire Protection Report. He provided the members with a power point presentation and handout.

Mr. Gary Gibson from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Plant Industries Division, presented to the committee a power point presentation and handout.

Senator Helmick moved that the staff construct a letter from the committee to the congressman requesting 10 million dollars for the study of gypsy moths.

August 2006

A demonstration, adjacent to the Chief Logan State Park Conference Center, of helicopter and arson tracking dogs was presented to the committee by Matt Dillon, Assistant State Forester, Joe Alitzer, Division of Forestry Pilot, Tony Evans, Fire Ranger, and Don Kelley, Arson Investigator.

September 2006

Mr. Dan Kincaid, Assistant State Forester, presented to the committee a slide show presentation and handout regarding the Forest Legacy Program.

October 2006

Mr. Clyde Thompson, Forest Supervisor, presented to the committee the final version of the 2006 Monongahela National Forest Plan.

Mr. Randy Dye, Director of the Division of Forestry, gave a followup handout to the members regarding forest legacy questions that were presented to him at the September 13th meeting.