Membership Conference
Annual Meeting

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What do these Industries have in common...?
A Healthy, Sustainable & WORKING FOREST!

A Forest that's resources are USED to CREATE jobs through ACTIVE management!
A WORKING FOREST is...

a model of sustainability that’s primary goal is to unite and provide support for the environment, the social structure of communities, and the regions economy. Managed for multiple use where all industries are responsible for the sustainability of their natural resources.
The Triple Bottom Line

- Environment
- Society
- Economy
The Triple Bottom Line:

A healthy **environment** should be used to create a strong **social structure** which will develop a robust **economy**.
A Healthy Environment...

- Provides opportunities to enhance & protect wildlife habitats, recreational and subsistence activities.
- Drives resource education.
- Incentivizes workforce development and provides local jobs.
- Exemplifies pride in management by using natural resources in a responsible and renewable manner; recognizing the human component of our forests.
A Strong and Stable Economy...

- Creates Wealth.
  - Creates Jobs.
  - Builds Community.
The Working Forest Group (TWFG)

Mission: To promote and support responsible resource development in Alaska through alignment of multiple industries seeking sustainability across environmental, social, and economic sectors.
About TWFG

• The Working Forest Group is a incorporated non-profit, (June 2012) industry led organization promoting inter-industry development of working forests in Alaska

• Cooperative agreements in place to continue analysis work on Young Growth and Old Growth.
Goals of TWFG

• Implement the Working Forest concept throughout Alaska.
• Support and align industries that depend on the resources of the forest.
• Utilize natural resources while respecting all user groups.
• To promote the use of natural resources to provide robust economies which develop healthy social structures and create stable communities.
• Pursue synergies and alignments with other resource industries and regulatory agencies throughout Alaska.
• To support research that provides information and data needed to stimulate discussion, drive solution based activities, and educate the public.
Next Steps

• Develop additional support:
  – Sealaska
  – Viking Lumber Company
  – Southeast Conference
  – Trust Land Office
  – Wood Cuts
  – State of Alaska: DCCED

• Complete analysis work on Young Growth and Old Growth under cooperative agreements.

• Begin outreach to other resource users and establish reciprocal statements of support.