

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM
Interagency Forest Working Group (IFWG)
Near-Term Implementation Plan
Forest GHG Inventory

Working Group Overview: IFWG is responsible for 1) Advising the Board of Forestry on how the Forest Sector can achieve its Scoping Plan GHG target; 2) Coordinating related forest sector climate and energy activities, such as stakeholder input for biomass and biofuels programs; and 3) Developing and implementing adaptation actions to protect the state’s forests.

Working Group Agencies: CAL FIRE, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Natural Resources Agency, US Forest Service, DFG, CEC, CalEPA, DWR, and ARB

Measure / Strategy: IFWG Task 1: Forest Inventory

- A) Description: Develop and fund activities to improve the technical foundation of the State greenhouse gas inventory for the forest sector. The key deliverable is a technical proposal for developing and periodically updating estimates of carbon emissions and sequestration associated with California’s forests, urban forests, and rangelands using accepted methods and available input data to support the State’s overall greenhouse gas inventory objectives.
- B) Agencies Involved: ARB in collaboration from CAL FIRE and USFS.
- C) Scoping Plan/Adaptation Plan Reference: Improving the inventory is critical to identifying the best opportunities for managing the forest sector to increase forest CO₂ sequestration and avoid GHG emissions with the goal of achieving the overall forest sector GHG target outlined in the Scoping Plan (Measure F-1).
- D) Metrics: Development and adoption of accurate, cost-effective methods for measuring forest and urban forest carbon, forest and rangeland sequestration rates, forestland changes (e.g., conversions), forestland emissions (wildfires, pests/disease, slash decomposition), and wood product decomposition emissions (fuel wood, wood dumps, wood in landfills, composted wood).
- E) Crosscutting Issues: Forest inventories intersect with and will inform strategies for biomass utilization; forestland changes and land use planning are also interrelated.
- F) Tasks and Deliverables: ARB will develop a work plan, proposals and contracts by June 2011.

G) SUMMARY TABLE:

Deliverable	Agencies	Deadline
Contract for improving forest sector GHG inventory	ARB	June 2011