

West Virginia Legislature  
Forest Management Review Commission

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Mr. Mark Haddix  
Mr. Stephen Harp  
Mr. Tom Plaugher  
Ms. LaDeena Teets  
Mr. Thomas Hawse  
Mr. Robert Williams  
Mr. Harry Vance

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The West Virginia Legislature’s Forest Management Review Commission, having been appointed pursuant to Article 24, Chapter 5 of the Code of West Virginia, met on four occasions during the 2023-2024 Legislative Interim period to receive testimony and information to accomplish the duties and responsibilities as established by code.

The Commission invited the following individuals to appear before it to offer their expertise and testimony:

**May 7, 2023**

**Mr. Mike Jones, CIA, CFE, CRMA, Audit Manager, Joint Committee on Government and Finance, West Virginia Office of the Legislative Auditor**

**Mr. Jeremy McGill, Assistant State Forester, Logging & Water Quality, West Virginia Division of Forestry**

**Mr. Eric Carlson, Executive Director, West Virginia Forestry Association**

These individuals appeared before the Commission to present information regarding Post Audit Division Legislative Audit Report – Managed Timberland Program (report dated January 8, 2023).

**September 13, 2023**

**Mr. Tony Evans, Acting State Forester, West Virginia Division of Forestry**

**Mr. Bob Boyles, Executive Director, West Virginia Forestry Association**

These individuals appeared before the Commission to present updating guidelines for managing West Virginia’s Seven State Forests.

**October 17, 2023**

**Mr. Fred Brooks, Executive Vice President-Chief Lending Officer, Capon Valley Bank**

**Mr. Mark Haddix, Agribusiness Relationship Manager, Farm Credit of the Virginias, and Citizen Member of the Forest Management Review Commission**

**Mr. Mark Sturgill, Forester, Huffman Logging, Inc.**

**Mr. Rich Flanigan, Vice President, Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership**

These individuals appeared before the Commission to present information regarding timber harvesting on real property and liens.

[NOTE: Citizen Member, LaDeena Teets resigned via email on October 12, 2023. Governor Justice has not appointed a replacement at this time.]

**December 2023**

**Jeremy Jones, State Forester/Director, West Virginia Division of Forestry**

**Charles Copeland, Assistant State Forester-Stewardship, West Virginia Division of Forestry**

These individuals appeared before the Commission and made a presentation entitled "Why Forest Management?" which included the benefits, planning, practices and fire prevention.

For additional information or copies of documentation provided by the invited individuals, please contact commission staff.

Respectfully submitted,



Senator Rupie Phillips, Co-Chairman



Delegate John Paul Hott, Co-Chairman