

## **“Open Space” Break-out session – Parcelization and Sawmill wood procurement**

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### **1. Issue:** How does declining parcel size affect wood procurement?

Who owns these parcels? How is wood flow getting to mill, through who, what is the process?

### **2. Discussion/Findings/Conclusions:**

Depends on local regulations and ordinances. Need to consider trucking restrictions. There are local bans on trucking and bans on during certain seasons. Look at transportation corridors. May effect where and how far a mill goes.

#### **As parcel size goes down does mill have to go farther?**

Look at when parcel change has occurred? Have the mills adapted to the change? Smaller size may mean more development and more land clearing which can increase wood supply in short run. With smaller parcel size you have more residents and more potential customers. Mouth to mouth advertising may help increase market when there are more people.

Type of service provided by the mills/consultants has changed to keep owners happy – woodscaping. Type of landowner changes as parcel size changes – smaller size may be less aware of forestry, less utilization minded.

#### **What about cost as parcel size goes down?**

Cost does go up. Need to look at overlap between mill woodsheds – where mills compete supply will be different

#### **What is smallest parcel size that can cost to operate?**

10 acres

#### **Other General Comments:**

Need to consider potential problems that could cause bias in the survey like spike in energy prices or glut on market due to storm loss, etc. Can you assess accuracy of information provided? Some respondents have accurate records, use computers, etc. – Ans. – looking more for perception rather than reality.

Would be interesting to look at how many foresters/agents it takes to procure wood.