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Location: Virtual

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List of activities

MEETINGS

BOA Meeting -
Conference Call

DATE

April 2020

BOA Meeting -
Conference Call

August 2020

BOA Meeting -
Conference Call

December 2020

Specific areas of emphasis include:

- Discussions and mutual support with the working groups in the face of the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Conference call with the objective of exchanging views related to the recovery of the forest sector from the pandemic.
- Four webinars on combating illegal logging.
- Decision on the topic of gender and diversity: gender equality will be mainstreamed in each of the working groups.

Working Group guidance

- Support for exploring a new potential collaboration regarding illegal logging.
- Review of plausible ways to implement gender equality strategies.
- Support in the recruitment process of new Mexican members for the Silviculture Working Group.
- Support and participation in the various meetings of the Urban Forest Program Working Group.
- Support for and facilitation of streamlined information sharing, between the working groups and the BOA.
- Liaison: Rick Scott

Funding requests

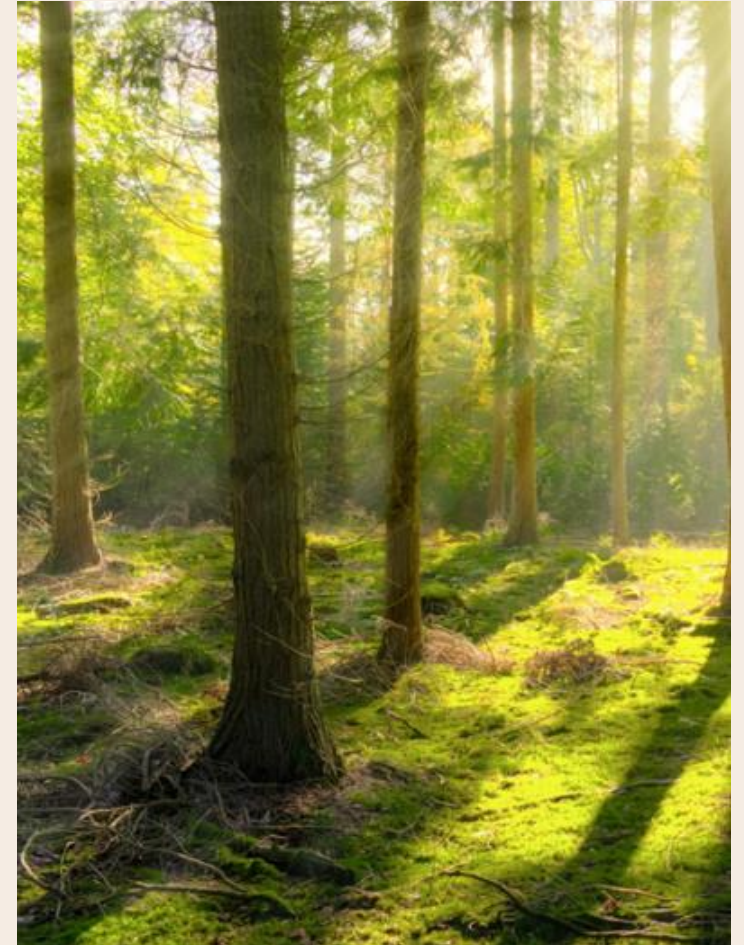
During this period, the BOA considered the following requests:

- The Fire Management Working Group requested USD 10,000, mostly for travel, for the development of workshops aimed at developing the North America wild land work fire science blueprint.
- Funding provided by FAO for the organization of a Gypsy Moth Prevention and Early Detection Knowledge Transfer Workshop, which had to be rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Combating illegal logging

During the 30th Session, Commissioners requested that the BOA consider potential approaches to illegal logging and present a recommendation.

More details will be provided at item 5.9 of the Agenda.



File sharing system and streamlined website

- A **file sharing system** using **Google Drive** and a new, **streamlined website**, proposed by the U.S., have been approved.
- Objective: to streamline communication and information sharing, as well as to better manage working group memberships and funding requests.

Closing remarks

- Since the 30th Session of NAFC, the BOA has worked to address the recommendations raised at the session within the confines of restrictions and changes caused by the pandemic.
- The BOA has continued to provide guidance and feedback to the working groups and to the Commissioners.



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