



Whittell Forest Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, March 7th, 2022
2:00-4:00pm

Advisory Committee: Sarah Bisbing (Chair) & Hunter Noble (Secretary);
Members: Ryan Shane, Anna Belle Monti, Pat King, Chris Pritsos, Tom Hall, Vic Redding;

Guests: Ahmad Itani & Mridul Gautam

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introduction

Sarah welcomed everyone and introduced Ryan Shane, the new member of the Committee, who will be replacing John Christopherson as the NDF representative. Ryan expressed his excitement to what Whittell can bring to forestry across the state and the opportunities it presents for research and teaching. Sarah then asked for any changes to the previous meeting minutes, to which Tom motioned for approval and Anna Belle seconded.

Forest Planning & Progress Updates

1. **NDF Burn Scar Felling** – Hunter described the ongoing discussion with NDF about snag felling in portions off the Little Valley Fire burn scar on Whittell Forest, with work hopefully beginning this spring. Sarah added that new MOUs are being developed with NDF. Ryan suggested that language regarding flexibility and adaptability is important to include. Ryan also explained the limitations surrounding the work. Hunter agreed and provided additional details and expectations. Anna Belle added that Little Valley has identified as nationally prioritized fire shed which could provide additional funding for rehabilitation work.
2. **Internet Access** - Sarah reminded the group about the ALERT WILDFIRE Camera. Hunter explained the process he and Kent lab staff have been looking at to get internet

to the Little Valley with the existing infrastructure. Tom asked about general access and

