

Quarterly Progress Report  
April - June 2009

**Project Name:** Riparian Hardwood Conversion Study  
**Project Status:** Reporting and data collection  
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**Background**

The scope of this project is to gather information on the techniques, tools, treatments, and economics for harvesting hardwood dominated riparian areas and re-establishing free-to-grow conifers that are on trajectory to dominate a converted area. Information is gathered for this project using a series of field sampling surveys that provide data to describe pre and post harvest stand conditions, track conifer regeneration quantities and growth response, and monitor buffer integrity post harvest. Information about techniques, tools, and economics is facilitated through a series of landowner questionnaires and interviews.

**Current Status**

Post-harvest field survey work has been completed at 5 sites, including data collection on blow down, stream recruitment and regeneration. Field data collection is now complete at 4 of the 8 study sites. Communication with landowners regarding regeneration work will occur for all sites over the next 6 months. Data collection at the remaining 4 sites is scheduled for spring 2010 and spring 2011.

Draft interim case study reports covering timber harvest and initial regeneration activities have been completed. Draft reports have been reviewed by RSAG and CMER. Comments provided by RSAG and CMER reviewers have been addressed and are currently being incorporated into the draft interim reports. Updated information and data will be incorporated into reports as it becomes available. The project, and final report covering all 8 sites, is scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2012.

**Budget**

Total Allocated through FY 2009:	\$332,479
Total Spent through June 2009:	\$329,938
Budget Remaining:	\$2,541
Contract End Date:	June 30, 2012