

## **August 31, 2007 Conference Call Notes**

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6 people in attendance.

BAMS article: A first draft outline from Blair has been shared with everyone, and Larry is working on one as well which he will send out later today (Friday Aug 31). Steve K, Larry, and Blair will work together via email to fine tune a final outline (which we'll share again with group before we start writing). There were some good suggestions on the call for various things to highlight, including how the group has helped direct research (particularly Blair's Master's work), any impacts our discussions/sharing has had on operations, multiple universities within the NC system working together on a common problem, plus making sure we highlight the MRR data and the new web page. When the outline is done, the next step will be to write up an executive summary of the article (couple of paragraphs) which Gary L and Steve K will do, and share it with the BAMS editors to get a general green light on going forward with this. Then, we can split up some tasks to begin writing, and we talked a little bit about some of the sections that it might make sense for various folks to focus on.

Web page: First iteration is now ready to go "public" and Blair has already sent out the link ([CLICK HERE](#)). This can be prominently linked from any location and/or used as an internal reference for your staff/peers. It will continue to evolve, especially probably as we use it more during the upcoming season, and if you have any suggestions for improvement send them to Blair Holloway. Keep in mind as you submit informal case reviews that this is a public page. We also had some discussion of making some climate maps (from Baker and Chip) more prominent on the page, and eventually also developing a matrix of map for easy links to BUFKIT and other model data (probably more important as other local models are added to this page). If your office has a local model that you would like to be linked off of this page, please provide the information to Blair. Also, if you need the list of common BUFKIT sites we talked about generating, you can contact Steve K.

Idea for NWFS meeting: Larry brought up the excellent idea of planning a face-to-face meeting at some time perhaps in the next year (not earlier than this upcoming winter season), and at a central location such as Asheville, Boone, or Blacksburg. This would provide a dedicated period of time (perhaps a full day) to the topic as well as opportunity for those outside the formal NCSU CSTAR efforts to get together. Gary L will explore the possibility of getting some CSTAR project funding to help with this, but the cost might have to come mainly out of local office funds (should be relatively inexpensive travel). Be thinking about locations and our specific goals for such a meeting.

Next call scheduled for Friday Sept 21 @9am, unless there are a large number who cannot make it then (backup date Sept 28).