Approval of Recommendation 04-06: Geophysical Institute tree thinning near SAR antenna dish

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Subject: MPC recommendation 04-06: Geophysical Institute tree thinning near SAR antenna dish

At its regular meeting on August 19, 2004 the UAF Master Planning Committee unanimously approved the following recommendation regarding a proposal from the Geophysical Institute (GI) to thin trees in the area around the SAR antenna dish on West Ridge. The MPC's recommendation is based upon review of this proposal by the MPC North Campus Subcommittee (see attached memo of August 19, 2004) and by the MPC's ad hoc North Campus Management Committee (July 2004). This review included a site visit.

The MPC recommendation reads:

The MPC recommends approval of the GI's proposal to thin trees in the vicinity of the SAR satellite dish in a manner consistent with recommendations provided by the NCS in its memo of August 18, 2004. We believe this can be accomplished in a manner consistent with the recently approved North Campus Plan. Among other elements, this plan specifies that all pre-existing contracts involving North Campus research will be honored.

We recommend that a longterm silviculture plan for maintaining the 2-degree capture angle be developed for continued management of the area. This should involve the NCS, Facilities Services, and GI. (Motion, Caulfield; second, Horner)

MPC members voted 6-0 with no abstentions in support of this recommendation; six members were in attendance, a quorum being established.

In making this recommendation, the MPC appreciates the proactive efforts of GI staff (Director Roger Smith and Asst. Director Bob Shefchik) in bringing this proposal forward and the work of the North Campus Subcommittee in its careful review.

Attachment

CC: MPC members
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