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Russian Participant Bios

Sergei Astapenko, 31, is an Engineer in the Information and Research Department at the Krasnoyarsk Krai Center for Forest Conservation, which examines and studies local forests, including the impact and reproduction of insects and plant diseases. While visiting Oregon, Mr. Astapenko is interested in other organizations involved in ecology and learning about American forest protection methods. He enjoys hiking, walking and reading and describes himself as an open, sociable and polite person. Mr. Astapenko speaks lists his English speaking level as fair.

Pavel Bezmaternykh, is 50 and married with two children. As the Acting Head of the Krasnoyarsk Krai branch of the Federal Forestry Agency, he supervises the forestry sector in the region in conjunction with Russian federal law and acts as the Agency's representative to other government agencies, industry organizations, and the public. During his stay in Oregon, Mr. Bezmaternykh is interested in learning more about projects aimed at decreasing and monitoring carbon emissions, reducing forest fires and the production of greenhouse gases during these instances. Mr. Bezmaternykh also likes to bowl, fish, hunt and play billiards. He lists his English speaking level as poor.

Elena Bubko, at age 29 is the Head of the Department for Forest Certification and Radiation Monitoring at the Forest Protection Center of Krasnoyarskaiy Krai. She is responsible for organizational consulting, information and educational services, leads public awareness programs, and is in charge of relations with other forestry organizations. Ms. Bubko goals include gaining insight into the role of sustainable development within American companies. She describes herself and an attentive, energetic and optimistic person with a good sense of humor. In her leisure time she enjoys going to museums, theaters, and classical music concerts and she also likes figure skating and reading. She is unable to stay with a family with a pet and lists her English level as fair.

Dilshad Ismailova, 29, is a Research Officer at the V.N. Sukachev Institute of Forestry, under the Siberian branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a scientific research organization focusing on forest ecosystems. She is in charge of scientific research, project management, studying the impacts of climate change, and the implementation of new methods to evaluate such climate change. In Oregon, Ms. Ismailova wants to learn methods of analyzing forests under climate change and community involvement in such areas. She hopes to visit several museums and parks on her trip and enjoys theater, music, and photography. She lists her English speaking level as fair.

Veronkia Mukhamedova, is 30 years old and widowed with one daughter. She is an Environmental Engineer for the Department of Construction, Municipal Services, and Environmental Management for the Kanskiv municipal district. Ms. Mukhamedova is responsible for developing and applying initiatives regarding environmental protection standards and building long-term environmental protection plans. While in Oregon, Mrs. Mukhamedova is interested in international methods of environmental management and reducing forest fires. She is interested in taking part in a national event of holiday, going to art museums and national parks. She likes to meet new people, spend time outdoors, sewing and reading. She lists her English level as fair.

Aleksandr Onuchin, is 59 years old and married with three children. Mr. Onuchin is the Director of the V.N. Sukachev Institute of Forestry, where his responsibilities include managing the organization and developing the main areas of research within the institute. Mr. Onuchin is interested in the U.S.'s experience with forest adaptation and global climate change and would like to attend a concert or go to a historical museum while in Oregon. He also enjoys gardening, cooking and visiting the mountains. He lists his English level as good.

Igor Pavlov, 45, is married with one daughter. He is Head of the Department of Forestry Cultivation and Plantations at Siberian State Technological University, where he is in charge of educational planning, methodological and scientific work, and is a professor. He is interested in learning more about forest regeneration and how to coordinate volunteers for reforestation projects. Mr. Pavlov enjoys going to the gym, reading, and spending time with his family. He also would like to visit any of our National Parks. He lists his English level as fair.

Tatiana Sapozhakina, age 56, is divorced with two daughters. She is the Director of the Ecological Program of the Krasnoyarsk Krai Ecological Union, a regional community organization that focuses on public outreach and education on ecological issues. Ms. Sapozhakina is responsible for the development and execution of environmental programs, fundraising, and initiatives. Her goals include learning more about the media's role in environmental perceptions and preserving urban parks. Ms. Sapozhakina also enjoys traveling and sightseeing, riding bicycles, playing volleyball and basketball, and is fond of the theater and attending concerts. She describes herself as sociable and cheerful and lists her English speaking level as poor.

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Vladimir Terentyev, is 51 and married with two children. He is the President of a non-commercial community organization, Siberian Interregional Association of Natural Products Processors, where he processes and markets non-timber forest products. He would like to learn more about American forestry legislation and forest management. He enjoys playing the guitar, singing, hunting and fishing. He describes himself as a clam person with a sense of humor; he lists his English level as poor.

Mikhail Yagunov, is 25 years old and married. He is Head of the Department for GIS Technology for the Krasnoyarsk Krai Center for Forest Conservation where he is responsible for monitoring major forests in the region, the application of GIS technology, processing of field data and developing automated systems to track aspects of forest ecology. While in the Oregon, Mr. Yagunov would like to gain an understanding of forest cultivation, monitoring climate change and application of current technologies in forestry. He enjoys being outdoors, going on picnics and visiting tourist sites. He describes himself as being a calm, polite and sociable guy and lists his English level as fair.