



## **Appalachian Region Technology Team Teleconference June 1, 2015**

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### **DISCUSSION:**

- David Lane, the ARTT Team leader for the past ten years, has decided to retire effective June 3, 2015. Dave has been instrumental in the successes of this team. We all wish Dave a happy and enjoyable retirement. We thank you for your service to not only the government, but also as the leader of this group!
- The Spring Protection Rule (SPR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) were discussed. WV and KY have pulled out of these. VA is still in.
- Mike Richmond discussed the Mine Pool presentation from the studies held in WV in 2014.

### **PAUL ROTHMAN (KY)**

KY is hosting the 2015 ASMR/ARRI Conference in Lexington, Kentucky from June 7<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. A field tour of University of Kentucky's 17 year old Starfire reforestation research is slated for June 9<sup>th</sup> and will include a live Forestry Reclamation Approach (FRA) demonstration by Pine Branch Mining.

**BILL WINTERS (TN)**

Bill discussed the situation with Fish and Wildlife and crayfish habitat in TN and Eastern KY and jurisdiction with the Army Corps.

**JEFF TRUMP (OSM)**

The next scheduled teleconference will be on July 6, 2015 at 1:30PM.