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Memo Shows 40 Participants Likely For Forest Conference

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WASHINGTON (AP) - A list of more than 400 possible candidates to speak at President Clinton's upcoming Northwest forest conference is being pared down to just 40, a memo obtained Wednesday shows.

Katie McGinty, director of the White House Office of Environmental Policy, said in the March 11 memo that the final list should be ready by Friday.

But Marla Romash, spokeswoman for Vice President Al Gore, said on Wednesday that information was either wrong or outdated. She said no decisions about the number of speakers had been made.

Clinton announced last week that he, Vice President Al Gore and four members of his Cabinet would attend the conference April 2 in Portland, Ore. But the format and even the conference building remain a mystery.

"The goal is to hear as many different voices as possible," Romash said Wednesday in a telephone interview.

"This is an opportunity for the president and vice president and Cabinet to learn first hand from the people of the region, to get a clear picture of the situation."

The list is expected to be completed next week.

Jim Lyons, a former House Agriculture Committee staffer who Clinton has nominated for assistant agriculture secretary for natural resources, was at Forest Service regional headquarters in Portland on Wednesday to discuss the plans.

Lyons, who declined to return telephone messages, has played a lead role in plowing the groundwork for the conference. He is part of an executive committee overseeing the meeting, the memo showed.

Also serving on the executive committee, among others, are McGinty, Interior Department chief of staff Tom Collier and Thomas Tuchmann, an Interior Department official who worked formally as an environmental aide to Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., on the Senate Agriculture Committee.

McGinty said in the memo that Tuchmann compiled more than 400 names of potential witnesses for the conference while working for the Clinton transition team in November and December.

The memo indicates it was sent to all White House staff as well as appropriate officials at the Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Interior and Labor departments as well as the Environmental Protection Agency.

It shows that three major committees have been named to prepare for the conference. One is addressing communications, advance and logistics.

Another is the "Labor/Community Development Committee," which is responsible for "developing economic components of administrative program." It will oversee the "Worker Dislocation Working Group," the "Economic Diversification Working Group" and the "Interim Relief Working Group."

The other major panel is the "Forest Management Committee," which is responsible for a "coordinated forest management proposal, including timber allocation levels and the requirements of regulations and statutes."

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It will oversee the "Forest Management Working Group," the "Forest Science Working Group," and the "Legal Questions/Legislative Strategy Working Group."

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