Potential Areas of Agreement
Suggested by QLG

1. Diversity:
   Is advantageous across a wide range of issues.
   Promotes adaptability to climate change, whatever the local effects might be.
   Has appropriate applications at all scales, from watersheds down to individual stands.
   Is required in forest structure, species composition, and habitat for all species.

2. Fire protection:
   A warmer climate will exacerbate the fire problem.
   Longer fire season.
   Drought-stressed vegetation.
   Worse fire weather on average.
   Greater energy release at fire fronts.
   Greater hazards to fire crews.
   Combined effects require heavier and more extensive thinning than would otherwise be needed.

3. Watershed Effects:
   A warmer climate will have adverse watershed effects.
   Reduced snow packs.
   Potential for heavier winter runoff, increasing flood hazard.
   Reduced mid- and late-season runoff.
   Higher water temperature in mid- and late-season runoff.
   Adverse effects can be ameliorated to some extent.
   Thinner forest cover lets more precipitation reach the ground to recharge groundwater.
   Thinned forest reduces evapo-transpiration of ground water.
   Better adapted tree species can use less water.
   Restored meadows act as flood plains to delay winter flood crests and store ground water.
   Groundwater is later released in greater quantity and at cooler temperatures.

4. Workforce and infrastructure:
   For both forest health and fire protection, large scale action is urgently required.
   Action at the required scale and pace is not possible with hand work alone.
   Heavier duty equipment and a workforce to operate it are needed in the forest.
   Sawmills and biomass powerplants are major components of the required infrastructure.

5. Funding.
   Action at the required scale and pace is not possible with appropriated funds alone.
   Receipts from timber and biomass sales are essential, but still probably not sufficient.
   Funding must also be based in part on watershed values.
   Benefits to agricultural and municipal users.
   Benefits to power generators and flood control agencies.