

Peck's Ideas



On this meeting...

- ◆ We have meeting like this only once every few years to hear what whole community has to say; at this type of meeting you get a full spectrum of researchers; people who aren't normally able to meet together.
- ◆ This meeting brings together a lot of good ideas, criticisms, energy which can be captured by AC to help plot the future. The key thing here is not that everything went smoothly or not, it's that we're getting feedback. It's the job of the AC to take that and use it to improve the whole program.

What's next

- ◆ Ok, we've done the meeting, we got feedback. The AC has been focused on reducing uncertainties. We want to work more effectively as a team to make sure we move even faster to reducing the uncertainties.

Part of Peck's vision for ARCSS

- ◆ One of our goals is to heighten awareness of what's going on in the Arctic and to better understand the changes so that sound decisions can be made by policy makers and stake holders.
- ◆ One of the things that captured my imagination about becoming the AC chair is that because of all the work done in the ARCSS program we're at a point where we can make this knowledge more accessible and usable to stakeholders and policymakers.

- ◆ Like the southwest U.S. [*where Peck is based*] the Arctic is highly susceptible to environmental change and likely to see increased development.
- ◆ Arctic development is partly driven by the warming weather. Development must be done in sustainable manner, and we have to explore ways to balance competing stakeholder interests.

- ◆ I love meetings like this and I'm sorry not to be there. But I'm really stoked to take on this role and work with the ARCSS Committee and Program.

- ◆ Lastly, on Saturday the agenda lists a joint meeting of the ARCSS committee and the steering committees. If we understand the purpose of this meeting, it is to rapidly transition the meeting discussions to the web where wider community discussion can be fostered.
- ◆ We would like to suggest that the morning be used for a substantive discussions of the previous days topics. The issue of the future of ARCSS, the future of the older steering committees, and how the various committees should interact, will be extremely topical at that time.
- ◆ Also, it is unusual that the ARCSS Committee and the steering committees will be together. Many of us not on the ARCSS committee have already made travel arrangements to leave in the afternoon. We therefore advocate using the morning to get at the critical issue of ARCSS-Phase II (or is it III?), so that we leave the meeting with some sense of closure on what has taken place.