

## Program

### *Western Forest Economists Meeting - 2004*

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#### ***Monday, May 3***

2:00-7:00 **Registration**

7:30-8:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Fluid Session **New Forest Service initiative for timberland owners**

Jamie Barbour, Program Manager, Focused Science Delivery Program, PNW  
Research Station, Portland

8:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Fluid Session **Short-rotation forestry**

George Fenn, Physicist and Tree Farmer, Elkton Oregon

#### ***Tuesday, May 4***

7:00-8:30 **Breakfast**

7:30-on **Registration**

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8:30-10:00 **General Session 1 -- West Coast state-level sustainability measures  
and forest management implications**

Don Haid, Weyerhaeuser -- Moderator

**Oregon: State-level sustainability measures and forest management implications  
(2.1MB)**

Kevin Birch Oregon Dept of Forestry

**California: The changing California: Forest and range 2003 assessment (0.9MB)**

Bill Stewart California FRAP

**Washington: Measuring success in a sustainable harvest calculation process  
(2.5MB)**

Angus Brodie Washington DNR

10:00-10:15 **Break**

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10:15-11:45 **Concurrent Session 1**

**Session 1A** Darius Adams, OSU -- Moderator

**A preliminary assessment of the lumber manufacturing sector in Washington  
State (0.9MB)**

John Perez-Garcia, Center for International Trade in Forest Products (CINTRAFOR),  
University of Washington

**Implementing the Healthy Forests Recovery Act in western forests: an FIA  
BioSum analysis of financial feasibility and effectiveness in achieving hazard  
reduction objectives (8.8MB)**

Jeremy Fried, Research Forester/Team Leader, Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, Portland, Roger Fight, Jamie Barbour, Glenn Christensen and Dale Weyermann

**Analysis of forest health thinning programs in eastern Oregon using a mill-level market model (0.5MB)**

Greg Latta and Darius Adams, Department of Forest Resources, Oregon State University

**Session 1B** John Ehrenreich, Washington Forest Protection Association -- Moderator  
**Life-Cycle Assessment of Materials in Residential Construction: How Wood Products Stack Up (0.3MB)**

Bruce Lippke, University of Washington

**Working forest conservation easements and their impact on forest values (1.0MB)**

Bret Vicary, James W. Sewall Company, Old Town, ME

**Willingness to pay for renewable building materials (0.2MB)**

Alicia Robbins, University of Washington

**Session 1C** Susan Alexander, USFS -- Moderator

**An alternative incentive structure for wildfire suppression on national forest land (0.2MB)**

Geoffrey Donovan, Research Forester, PNW Research Station, Portland

**Forest Service large fire area burned and suppression expenditure trends, 1970-2002 (0.1MB)**

Dave Calkin, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Missoula

**United States Army conservation reimbursable forestry program (4.6MB)**

Mark Lichtenstein, Forester, USAEC, Training Support Division, Natural Resources Branch, US Army Environmental Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

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12:00-1:30 **Lunch**

**Hastening return of complex forest: The Case of the Biscuit Fire (2.6MB)**

John Sessions, Oregon State University  
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1:30-3:00 **Concurrent session 2**

**Session 2A** Dave Rumker, The Campbell Group -- Moderator

**Investment-conscious silviculture (1.1MB)**

Denny Hill, The Campbell Group, Portland

**NCREIF Index (0.6MB)**

Steve Holland, The Campbell Group, Portland

**A Survey of Private Timber Management Costs (0.1MB)**

Lucas Bair, Economist, PNW Research Station, Corvallis

**Session 2B** Kevin Birch, ODF -- Moderator

**Forests on the Edge: pressures and opportunities on America's private forests (2.3MB)**

Susan Stein, Private Forestland Studies Coordinator, Office of Cooperative Forestry, USDA, Washington, D.C.

**Land use change on nonfederal land in eastern Oregon (1.2MB)**

Gary Lettman, Oregon Department of Forestry

**Forest conservation effects of Oregon's land use planning program (1.1MB)**

Jeff Kline Pacific Northwest Research Station, Corvallis

**Session 2C** Bill White, Canadian Forest Service -- Moderator

**Board-Foot Scaling -- An impediment to the economics of intensive silviculture (0.2MB)**

George Fenn, Physicist and Tree Farmer, Elkton Oregon

**The Sustainable Wood Production Initiative: Defining the issues for the PNW (1.5MB)**

Bob Deal, Research Silviculturist, PNW Research Station, Portland

**Market impacts and policy implications of US restrictions on softwood lumber imported from Canada (0.3MB)**

Jungho Baek, Michigan State University

3:00-3:30 **Break**

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3:30-5:00 **Concurrent Session 3**

**Session 3A** Charley McKetta, U. Idaho -- Moderator

**Discount rate selection for trust land management in Washington (0.2MB)**

Bruce Glass, Lead Economist, Office of Budget & Economics, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Olympia

**What discount rate is appropriate for evaluating sustainable resource management? How about zero? (2.3MB)**

Jay O'Laughlin, Director, Policy Analysis Group, and Professor, Dept. of Forest Resources, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho, Moscow

**How timber prices and discount rates influence timberland values in the U.S. (0.4MB)**

Mary Ellen Aronow, Forest Economist, Hancock Timber Resource Group, Boston

**Session 3B** Susan Stein, USFS -- Moderator

**Land use changes and forest fragmentation (0.5MB)**

Ralph Alig Pacific Northwest Research Station, Corvallis

**Tree species richness and fragmentation in the wildland-urban interface (2.8MB)**

Ronald McRoberts, USFS, North Central Research Station

**Policies for Forest Fragmentation: Combining Econometric Models with GIS-Based Landscape Simulations (1.2MB)**

Dave Lewis Oregon State University

**Session 3C** Mark Rasmussen, Mason, Bruce & Girard -- Moderator

**Derivatives Use in the Forest Products Industry (0.3MB)**

Brooks C. Mendell and Michael L. Clutter, University of Georgia

The Impact of Wildfire on Residential Property Markets

Bobby Huggett, US Forest Service Southern Research Station

**Plantations and carbon sequestration in the South (0.5MB)**

Brent Sohngen, Ohio State University

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**5:30-7:30 Social Hour & Barbeque**

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**7:30-8:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Fluid Session Information sufficiency in planning and NEPA:  
how much analysis is enough?**

Guy Robertson, Forest Service Washington Office

**8:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Fluid Session Siberian forestry**

Nine forest scientists, Tomsk, Russia

***Wednesday, May 5***

**7:00-8:30 Breakfast**

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**8:30-10:00 General Session 2 – Recent perspectives on the economic role of forest products**

Richard Haynes, Human and Natural Resource Interactions Program, PNW Research Station, Portland -- Moderator

**Economic base reconsidered: Evidence from SE Alaska (0.1MB)**

Guy Robertson, Policy Analysis, USDA Forest Service, Washington DC

**The economic role of forest products in Idaho (1.1MB)**

Jay O'Laughlin, Director, Policy Analysis Group, and Professor, Dept. of Forest Resources, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho, Moscow

**Changing importance of forest products employment**

Ernie Niemi, ECONorthwest, Eugene, OR

**Oregon forest sector contributions and potential (0.3MB)**

Eric Hovee, E.D. Hovee & Co., Vancouver, WA

**10:00-10:30 Break**

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**10:30-12:00 Concurrent session 4**

**Session 4A** Brad Stennes, Pacific Forestry Centre, Victoria B.C. -- Moderator

**Reforming the British Columbia forest industry (1.1MB)**

Hamish Kerr, TimberWest, Vancouver BC

**Identifying forest dependent communities in Canada (0.5MB)**

Bill White, Canadian Forest Service

**Are log markets competitive? A case study from the Interior of British Columbia (0.2MB)**

Kurt Niquidet, G. Cornelis van Kooten, Harry Nelson

**Session 4B** Roger Fight, USFS -- Moderator

**Weighing competing conservation objectives in biodiversity reserve design (0.6MB)**

Claire Montgomery, Department of Forest Resources, Oregon State University

**Trends in Oregonians' willingness to pay for salmon: 1996-2002 (0.2MB)**

Ted L. Helvoigt, ECONorthwest, Eugene and Claire A. Montgomery, Department of Forest Resources, Oregon State University

**The effect of wildland fire on recreation visitation and benefits: a synthesis and suggestions for future research (0.5MB)**

Brian Garber-Yonts, Research Economist, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Corvallis

**Session 4C** John Mills, USFS -- Moderator

**A national perspective on the ability of fuels treatments to pay for themselves (0.1MB)**

Guy Robertson, Policy Analysis, USDA Forest Service, Washington DC

**Highlights in wood products trade**

Jean Daniels and Farzana Nahrir, University of Washington

**Projections of fire and the National Forest Inventory (1.6MB)**

John Mills and Xiaoping Zhou, PNW Research Station, Portland

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**12:00 Lunch, Business Meeting**