

# WESTERN FOREST ECONOMISTS

Resort at the Mountain, Welches, Oregon, May 5-7, 2003

## Program

<i>May 5</i>	
7:30pm	<p><i>Back-to-back fluid sessions</i></p> <p>First session: Eight Billion Board Feet and Falling, Can the PNW Sustain its Current Timber Production: Help Design a New Initiative on Sustainable Wood Production at the PNW Station (Jamie Barbour)</p> <p><b>Second session: Economics research capacity: Future, implications, interventions (Dave Cleaves)</b></p>
<i>May 6</i>	
8:00 am to 9:30 am	<p><i>General session</i></p> <p>Fire economics-Unfinished business</p> <p>(Moderator: Hayley Hessel)</p> <p><b>Wildland fire and the roles of economics (Dave Cleaves)</b></p> <p><b>Financial feasibility of hazardous fuel reduction treatments (Jamie Barbour, Roger Fight, &amp; Jeremy Fried)</b></p> <p><b>Economics of preparedness modeling (Doug Rideout)</b></p>
9:45am to 11:15 am	<p><i>Three concurrent technical sessions</i></p> <p>Voices of experience: If I were starting a career in forest economics today, here's where I'd go with it (Moderator: Jim Stevens)</p> <p><b>Panel discussion consisting of: ... Don Flora, Richard Haynes, John Beuter, Wes Rickard</b></p>

	<p><i>Environmental performance of wood-based building products</i> (Moderator: Sue Alexander)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Measurement of environmental performance of wood-based products (John Perez-Garcia)</i></b></p> <p><b>Implications of environmental performance for forest management (Bruce Lippke)</b> <b>Wood-marketing implications: Where do we go from here? (Chris Gaston)</b></p> <hr/> <p>Economics in national forest planning</p> <p>(Moderator: Nick Reyna)</p> <p>Overview of the new prototype for planning (Lisa Freedman) The role of economics in forest planning under the proposed planning rule (Clair Redmond) The use (and misuse) of non-market values in Forest Service decision processes (Guy Robertson)</p>
<p><b>11:30pm to 1:00pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Lunch</i></b></p> <p><i>Mark Rey</i> <i>Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment</i> <i>(with oversight for the Forest Service)</i> <i>U.S Department of Agriculture</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Impacts of Bush Administration policy vis-à-vis western National Forests</i></b></p>
<p><b>1:00pm to 2:30pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Three concurrent technical sessions</i></b></p> <hr/> <p><i>Increased NF timber harvest? Prospects and implications ...</i> (Moderator: Don Flora)</p> <p><b>Long-run analysis of SE Idaho timber economy (Charlie McKetta &amp; Hank Robison)</b> <b>Implications of RPA modeling of expanding western timber harvest (Richard Haynes)</b> Management alternatives for South Deep of Colville National Forest (Paul Lachance) <b>Eastern Oregon timber supply: Projections with endogenous capacity investment in a declining industry (Greg Latta)</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Land use issues</b> (Moderator: Gary Lettman)</p> <p><b>Land use change in Oregon : An introduction (Gary Lettman)</b> <b>Population growth, urban expansion, and private forestry in western Oregon (Jeff Kline)</b> <b>Oregon 's land use planning program: Is it meeting the policy objectives? (Kevin Birch)</b> <b>Emerging policy issues (John Bliss)</b></p> <p><b>Note: This session will consist of brief presentations, followed by a facilitated group discussion centered on emerging policy issues</b></p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Pricing and market structure: Wood products markets</i></b> <b><i>(Moderator: John Perez-Garcia)</i></b></p> <p><b>Is Douglas-fir lumber overpriced? (Geoffrey Donovan)</b></p> <p>Insights from an analysis of lumber prices in an integrated North American market (Tyson Manzin)</p> <p><b>What's up with log exports? (Jean Daniels)</b></p>
<p><b>3:00pm to 4:30pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Three concurrent technical sessions</i></b></p> <hr/> <p><i>Issues in the US-Canada softwood lumber trade dispute</i> <i>(Moderator: Bill White)</i></p> <p>Softwood Lumber Dispute: Where we are and how we got there (Don Haid) A question of scale—The impact of board foot to cubic foot volume conversion in the US-Canada softwood lumber trade dispute (David Jendro &amp; Neal Hart) Recent changes in BC forest policy: What are they, and what might they mean in practice? (Cameron Woodbridge)</p> <hr/> <p>Empirical investment analyses: Where are they pointing us?  (Moderator: Guy Robertson)</p> <p><b>Comparison of returns from investing in forest land and alternative investments (Phil Aust)</b> <b>Relative rates of return from growing western red cedar, red alder, and Douglas-fir in Western WA (Kevin Zobrist)</b> <b>Environmental management on private lands: A riparian example (Doug Brodie)</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Roles for optimization and simulation models in forest planning (Moderator: Greg Jones)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>What are the modeling needs? (Frank Burch)</i></b></p> <p><b>Simulation models—What, why, when, and how (Tara Barrett)</b> <b>Optimization models—What, why, when, and how (Pete Bettinger)</b></p>
<p><b>7:30pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Back-to-back fluid sessions</i></b></p> <p>First session: Stewardship projects in the national forests-Just what have we learned, and just where are things headed next? (Fred Stewart) Second session: Where there's smoke there's fire—and liability too! (Phil Wandschneider, Jon Yoder, &amp; Keith Blatner)</p>
<p><b><i>May 7</i></b></p>	
<p><b>8:30 am to 10:00 am</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>General session</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Privatization and forest resources</b></p>

	<p align="center"><b>(Moderator: Charley McKetta)</b></p> <p>New Zealand experience with privatizing forests: Has it worked, how do we judge success anyway, and what implications can we draw? (Ted Bilek)  <b>A labor perspective on the USFS ‘Competitive sourcing’ proposal, aka ‘Contracting out jobs’ (John Obst)</b>  <b>Markets for nature: Market-based solutions for public forests (Holly Lippke-Fretwell)</b>  Industrial stewardship: A provider perspective (Gordy Sanders)</p>
<b>10:30am to 12:00pm</b>	<p align="center"><b><i>Four concurrent technical sessions</i></b></p>
	<p><i>Regulatory impacts on forest management: WA experience</i>  <b>(Moderator: John Ehrenreich, Jr.)</b></p> <p><b>Empirical analysis of tax credit for leave trees under Washington’s new forest practice rules (Laurence Reeves)</b>  Economic impact analysis for eastside forests under Washington ’s new forest practice rules (Elaine <u>Oneil</u>)  Viability of alternative plans for small forest owners in western Washington (Kevin Zobrist)</p>
	<p align="center"><b><i>Non-timber products</i></b>  <b>(Moderator: Keith Stockmann)</b></p> <p><b>People in the understory: Managing access to nontimber forest products (Sue Alexander)</b>  <b>Willingness to pay for riparian buffers: Making good of insufficient data (Alicia Robbins)</b></p>
	<p align="center"><b><i>Interaction of forest and fire management with economics</i></b>  <b>(Moderator: Mark Rasmussen)</b></p> <p><b>Forest planning and wildfire: Two optimization and simulation approaches (Pete Bettinger, David Graetz, &amp; Young Kim)</b>  Analysis of costs and benefits of restoration-based hazardous fuel treatments <i>versus</i> no treatment (Gary Snider)  <b>Prescribed fire as a rotation problem: Economic theory and policy implications (Jon Yoder)</b></p>
	<p>The Presidents Northwest Forest Plan: Monitoring Economic Impacts at the Regional &amp; Community Scale  (Moderator: Mike Niccolucci)</p> <p>The case for community level models (Dick Phillips and Gary Lettman)  Regional modeling using gravity model estimated trade flows (Greg Alward)  <b>Community-level models, past efforts and current thinking (Hank Robison)</b></p>

