



**WESTERN FORESTRY  
LEADERSHIP COALITION**



**CWSF**  
COUNCIL OF WESTERN  
STATE FORESTERS

## **Forest Utilization Network (FUN) 2018 CWSF Fall Meeting Report-Out**

### **Committee Leadership**

#### **2018 - 2019**

Chair: Adam Smith (Nebraska)  
Vice-Chair: Marcus Kauffman (Oregon)  
Secretary: None  
Immediate Past Chair: None  
State Forester Liaison: Vacant

#### **2019 - 2020**

Chair: Marcus Kauffman (Oregon)  
Vice-Chair: Tom Perry (Montana)  
Secretary: None  
Immediate Past Chair: Adam Smith (Nebraska)  
State Forester Liaison: Dave Groeschl (Idaho)

### **Key Accomplishments from 2017-2018**

- Hosted 2018 FUN annual meeting in Park City, UT with presentations from state members, federal partners, university extension and private industry.
- Developed and solicited request for proposals for the completion of western market analysis for biochar and mass timber. Contractors selected for the project were The Beck Group and the US Biochar Initiative.
- Worked with Northeast Midwest State Foresters Alliance (NMSFA, formerly NAASF) and Southern Group of State Foresters (SGSF) counterparts to compile a list of competitive grant proposals submitted by the groups to provide funding for regional activities and projects.
- Represented CWSF at NMSFA and SGSF utilization committee meetings.
- Developed outline for fiscal year 2019 Wood Innovation Grant proposal to support expanded FUN activities and provide funding for utilization related projects and trainings across the west.

### **Emerging Issues and Priorities**

- Identifying opportunities to leverage expertise of Network members to address region-wide or sub regional utilization issues/opportunities.
- Continuing to pursue consistent western state and Pacific Island representation within FUN.
- Continuing to increase the capacity of wood utilization and marketing staff to achieve optimum effectiveness.

## Recommendations for Action by State Foresters

- Maintain support for participation by state agency staff in the FUN.
- Consider nominating an individual to participate in the CWSF FUN if your state or Pacific Island has not yet done so.
- Approve the FUN 2019 workplan and budget.
- Review and provide feedback on the CWSF FUN Market Development Concept.