



CWSF Forest Products Committee 2022 Report and 2023 Work Plan

LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

The Forest Products Committee Leadership team for 2023 includes

- Bergen Eskildsen (UT), Chair
- Archie Gray (ID), Vice Chair
- Dave Bruton (KS), Secretary (To be confirmed)
- Tim Reader (CO), Past Chair
- Gerry Gray (UT), State Forester Advisor
- Laura Wagner (CWSF), CWSF Staff Liaison

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Committee/Network Mission Statement and Purpose: This network was established to address forest products and biomass utilization opportunities and challenges of regional significance. In particular, the Network supports sustainable forest management and other forest based benefits by working with Council of Western State Foresters (CWSF) leadership to maintain and enhance markets for traditional and non-traditional forest products. The establishment of this network offers the opportunity for the sharing of information across the Western U.S. on utilization issues, representation at the regional and national meetings and the creation of recommendations for the CWSF's consideration and action.

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2022

- **Annual Meeting, Virtual** (March 30-31, 2022)
>90% member attendance (not including USFS partners and external presenters). Featured remarks from new Colorado State Forester M.McCombs and discussion on forest collaborative outputs from Mountain Studies Institute. New format included two breakout sessions and small group discussions on the national

infrastructure law and current successes in biomass utilization from wildfire mitigation projects.
CWSF Goal 1, Strategies 1, 2, 3. Meaningful engagement and learning. Network administration and function.

- **4th Annual Emergent Market Report on Wood Wool Cement and Wood Fiber Insulation**
CWSF Goal 2, Strategy 2. Develop, share external facing communications products representing Member priorities. Achieved successful responses after revising original project and request for proposal documents. Scheduled for completion 12/31/2022.
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- **Success for Member Supported Partnerships**
CWSF Goal 2, Strategies 2. Develop, share external facing communications products representing Member priorities. State member supported initiatives in mass timber and biochar continued to receive funding awards, and national recognition.
- **Wood Branding and Bioeconomic Development Opportunity Zone Surveys of State Participation**
CWSF Goal 1, Strategies 1, 2, 3. Meaningful engagement and learning. Strong professional community, peer-to-peer learning. Goal 2, Strategy 2. CWSF Goal 3, Strategy 2. Provide Networking, dialogue, knowledge sharing and learning among members.
 1. CO, NM, MT, (CA proposal in place) have wood branding and/or local wood programs.
 2. UT and MT have completed or have BDO analysis in process.
- **Continuing Education and Professional Development**
CWSF Goal 1. Strategies 1. Meaningful engagement and learning among Membership.
 1. Wood Flows and Cash Flows - strategic analysis and investment for the forest products industry. August 25, 2022. MT, CO, UT supported with registration scholarships to online conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY STATE FORESTERS

- Recommendation for State Foresters to approve the Forest Utilization Network 2023 Work Plan.
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2023 WORK PLAN

MEETING(S) AND CALLS PLANNED FOR 2023

- Annual Meeting - In-person for 2023 March 14-16, Salt Lake City, Utah.
>90% expected in-person attendance. Program content will consist of committee business, USFS partner updates, and engagement (tours) with area wood products manufacturing facilities.
- Committee hosted Professional Development (travel support by FPL cooperative agreement)
 1. **Mass Timber developments. Portland. May 2023.**
1-2 day mass timber learning and professional development opportunity for Committee Members. Brief presentations and site visits to manufacturing and innovative (affordable housing) building applications. Overview of EDA funding award.
 2. **Urban Wood Utilization.**
Schedule/set up coordination meeting with Western Urban and Community Forestry Committee (or respective Leadership Teams) of the Western Forestry Leadership Coalition. Explore collaborative learning and implementation opportunities across traditional WUI and Community Forestry landscapes.
 3. **Biochar Production and Marketing**
Format and details TBD. Inclusive of Member hosted site visits to biochar processing facilities, participate/assist/support in facilitating the recent “Scaling Up and Moving the Needle” initiative by USDA Rocky Mountain Experiment Stations.
- Quarterly membership and leadership team meetings

CWSF Goal 1, Strategies 1, 2, 3. Meaningful engagement and learning. Network administration and function
CWSF Goal 3 Strengthen western forestry priorities and collaborative partnerships (USFS)

METHOD OF COMMUNICATION

- In person annual meeting and quarterly committee membership meetings hosted virtually. In-person member hosted professional development opportunities.
- Regular member communications and member -to - member technical assistance delivery via email.
- Annual member contributions to CWSFS monthly newsletter.

KEY ACTIVITIES, DELIVERABLES, AND OUTCOMES PLANNED FOR 2023

- Committee to facilitate the identification of biomass and wood utilization funding opportunities resulting from national BIL, IRA, Shared Stewardship, USDA 10 Year Wildfire Strategy.
- 5th annual emergent market report. Biomass feasibility and markets the committee identifies as emerging markets.
- Carbon accounting framework survey - westwide rollup of State carbon accounting for forest management activities & wood product utilization
- Explore and share information about non-traditional financing methods to retain and recruit industry