



## Ponderosa Pine Utilization Summit

November 18 - 20, 2025 | High Country Conference Center | Flagstaff, AZ

**This is a working draft agenda, with details subject to change.**

<b>Tuesday, November 18</b> <i>Attire: Business Casual</i> <i>Building a shared understanding of forest and market conditions, identifying barriers and opportunities, while setting the stage for solutions.</i>	
7:00 - 7:50 a.m.	<b>Breakfast, provided</b>
8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> Introduce the Ponderosa Pine Utilization Summit's goals and structure, and set the stage for collective action.
8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	<b>Leadership Perspectives</b> Hear from USDA Forest Service and state forestry leaders about the urgency of this moment for forest resilience, local communities, and industry.
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	<b>Session 1: The State of Ponderosa Pine Forests &amp; the Urgency of Action</b> Establish a shared understanding of current forest conditions and the need for restoration at scale.
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>Session 2: Ponderosa Pine Supply</b> Explore the availability, variability, and constraints surrounding ponderosa pine supply.
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:45 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Session 3: Current Ponderosa Pine Products</b> Understand the range of products currently in use and how they support one another across markets.
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Session 4: Future Ponderosa Pine Products</b> Explore promising new uses and products that are not yet commercially scaled.
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch, provided</b>
1:00 - 1:45 p.m.	<b>Session 5: Building a Strong Workforce</b>



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	Discuss workforce challenges across the forest products sector and explore solutions.
1:45 - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Transition to Breakout Sessions</b> Participants choose one of three concurrent breakout discussions based on interest. Breakout themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply barriers in the woods</li> <li>• Infrastructure and mill capacity</li> <li>• Market gaps and product innovation</li> </ul>
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	<b>Round 1 Breakout Sessions: Mapping Key Challenges</b> Identify and explore the barriers to increased utilization and industry success.
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:00 - 3:45 p.m.	<b>Round 2 Breakout Sessions: Refining the Picture</b> Build on earlier discussions to refine and prioritize the most important challenges. Participants may switch groups for new perspectives.
3:45 - 3:55 p.m.	<b>Transition Back to Full Group</b>
3:55 - 4:25 p.m.	<b>Report Back</b> Share key challenges and themes across groups, and identify gaps or missing voices in the conversation.
4:25 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Reflections &amp; Prioritizing Challenges</b> Prepare for Day 2 by identifying which challenges are most urgent and actionable for collaborative solution development.
5:00 p.m.	<b>Wrap Up Remarks &amp; Day's Adjournment</b>
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	<b>Reception, provided</b>
Evening	<b>Dinner on your own</b>

### **Wednesday, November 19**

*Attire: Business Casual*

*Focusing on solution development, regional collaboration, and next steps.*



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7:00 - 7:55 a.m.	<b>Breakfast, provided</b>
8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Welcome &amp; Day 1 Recap</b> Reflect on key insights and challenges identified on Day 1 to set the stage for solution-building.
8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	<b>Lightning Talks: Lessons from the Field</b> Start the day with inspiration by showcasing success stories where ponderosa pine is moving from forest to end use.
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>From Challenge to Concept: Sharing Early Ideas</b> Revisit the top-priority challenges and early solution concepts generated in Day 1 breakout groups. Frame the work ahead by highlighting ideas that will be refined into actionable steps.
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>Break &amp; Transition to Breakout Discussions</b> Participants choose one of three concurrent breakout discussions based on interest. Breakout themes may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing Consistent Supply — Creating predictability for operators and identifying enabling policy shifts</li> <li>• Infrastructure &amp; Mill Limitations — Identifying potential facility locations and paths to development</li> <li>• Market Gaps &amp; Product Innovation — Integrating product streams and identifying near-term innovation opportunities</li> </ul>
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Round 3 Breakout Sessions: Designing Solutions</b> Build momentum by beginning to shape detailed, actionable solutions.
11:00 - 11:15 a.m.	<b>Transition Between Breakouts</b>
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Round 4 Breakout Sessions: Sharpening the Solutions</b> Continue refining solution concepts. Some participants switch groups from round 3 to build cross-pollination and fresh thinking, working toward specific, actionable ideas.
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch, provided</b>
1:00 - 1:15 p.m.	<b>Previewing the Afternoon &amp; Field Tour Details</b> Set up the afternoon's collaborative work and walk through logistics for the optional field tour. Includes an overview of emerging solution areas identified so far.



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1:15 - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Round 5 Breakout Sessions: Opportunities by Geography or Scale</b> Discuss how solution ideas from earlier sessions apply in specific states or regions. Participants will gather by geography to identify regionally relevant strategies and potential collaborators.
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>Ideas to Action: Priorities &amp; Commitments (Part 1)</b> Move from broad solutions to real commitments by identifying specific actions, partnerships, and next steps. Small group discussions will begin creating tangible initiatives.
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.	<b>Ideas to Action: Priorities &amp; Commitments (Part 2)</b> Refine actions. Participants may switch tables or topics. Organizers begin collecting key takeaways and commitments to share.
4:15 - 4:45 p.m.	<b>Reflections &amp; Field Tour Reminders</b> Highlight high-potential actions in policy, markets, infrastructure, and research — and the partnerships needed to move them forward.
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Adjournment</b>
Evening	<b>Dinner on your own</b>

#### **Thursday, November 20**

*Field Attire. Please wear appropriate outdoor attire, including closed-toed shoes and long pants. Personal protective equipment (PPE) is required for portions of the field tour. If possible, please bring your own hard hat and safety vest. PPE items will be available for those who need them. Earplugs and safety glasses will be provided.*

Morning	<b>Breakfast on your own</b>
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	<b>Load Vans and Depart High Country Conference Center</b> Please be ready to leave by 8:15 a.m. for an on-time departure.
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>West Wing Integrated Resource Timber Contract</b> Thinning this area as part of the Upper Rio De Flag Watershed restoration plan to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and post-fire flooding.



10:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.	<b>Walker Hill Demonstration Project</b> The Walker Hill Project demonstrates alternative methods, including designation by prescription and the Digital Prescription Guide, for tree marking to increase ponderosa pine supply efficiency.
11:30 - 12:15 p.m.	<b>Box Lunch in the Field (Provided)</b> <i>Location TBD</i>
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Restoration Forest Products Mill</b> Tour the newest and largest sawmill in Arizona. This modern facility specializes in producing usable lumber from small-diameter trees and increases utilization by processing defect wood into engineered wood products as a value-added product, all under one roof.
3:00 p.m.	<b>Return to High Country Conference Center</b>

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