

PNWER Forestry working group

Monday, July 24

2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Portland, OR

Co-Chairs:

Travis Joseph, President, American Forest Resource Council

Rep. Mike Cuffe, Montana

Introduction: Challenges and Opportunities in the Renewable Forest Products Industry

A general overview of the forest products industry, the size and scale forest resources within the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada, including acres of forested land vs. total land area, ownership, and tree harvested versus affected by beetle kill, burns or natural death. A primary theme would be tied to rural economic development, sustainability, and emerging markets for wood products.

- **Anthony Davis**, Associate Dean for Research and International Forestry, Oregon State University

Panel I: Building with Wood

Perspectives of manufacturing, designers, and builders on utilizing new wood products and technologies

- What are opportunities in our region to grow the market?
- What are obstacles and barriers to advancing new technologies and markets?
- What are best practices to advance the industry and how will it impact the rural workforce?

- Manufacturer - **Valerie Johnson**, President, DR Johnson
- Designer - **Thomas Robinson**, Founder and Principal, Lever Architecture
- Builder - **Karla Fraser**, Senior Project Manager, Urban One Builders

Panel II: A Sustainable Supply of Renewable Material

To expand markets in wood manufacturing, design, and building, we need a predictable supply of raw material. What have been the policy, legal, or budget challenges to providing predictability? What are successes and solutions in our region to help expand supply?

- **Rodney Smoldon, Colville National Forest Supervisor, US Forest Service**
- **Russ Vaagen, VP, Vaagen Brothers**
- **David Kenny, President & Executive Director, Oregon BEST**

Action Item Discussion