

FORESTRY WORKING GROUP 2017

Action Items



*Pacific NorthWest
Economic Region*

PNWER's Forestry Working Group is supportive of efforts that promote healthy forests, resilient watersheds, and socio-economic sustainability in communities that depend on them.

Action Items	Status
1 Encourage federal and local policies that result in large landscape scale treatment and restoration (e.g. federal laws that improve forest planning and implementation efficiencies);	PNWER visits to Washington D.C. included meetings with Federal foresters and talks with legislators on the Farm Bill and Good Neighbor Authority
2 Encourage economic and financial incentives to build or rebuild rural manufacturing and milling infrastructure in hard hit communities (e.g. low interest loans, grants, etc.);	In Progress
3 Work with states and provinces to update and modernize building codes for mass timber to keep up with global standards and technology.	PNWER attended conference hosted by Greg Howes on CLT and advanced wood manufacturing for construction
4 Encourage a "Big Picture" analysis of the region that includes social, economic, and environmental factors and the impacts of increasing the domestic supply of wood to those indices (e.g. jobs created, improvements to forest health and wildlife habitat, water quality, fire resiliency, domestic and international market opportunities, etc).	The Farm Bill that is currently in ongoing discussion includes wild-fire funding. The Good Neighbor Authority Agreement also addresses issues such as watershed restoration and forest management services.
5 Encourage states and provinces to support local, state, community college, university, and technical programs that train the next generation of skilled labor to meet the growing demand in the wood manufacturing industry.	In Progress