

ACTION ITEMS

Forestry Working Group 2017



*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	Project Lead	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);		In progress
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.		In progress
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).		In progress
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