

ACTION ITEMS

Forestry Working Group 2015



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1 Support the empowerment of collaborative forest policy groups Co-chairs - Send message to congressional and provincial representatives in support of legislation designed to empower successful collaborative outcomes in US and Provincial forestlands.		
2 Research implementation of 2014 Farm Bill provisions with an emphasis on national forest lands designated for priority restoration by governors in the PNWER region.		
3 Research initiatives from bi-national lumber marketing organizations to see how the PNWER region can advance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pursuing building standards that recognize wood as green building material.• Pushing state building code authorities to recognize performance standards for wood materials.• Encourage design research with an emphasis on structural fire resiliency• Promote state programs and policies that encourage the use of biomass as a clean source of energy.		

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4	Encourage the promotion of social, economic, and environmental resiliency in rural communities within the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advance state initiatives to increase pace and scale of public land management.• Identify shared funding mechanisms to provide for necessary treatments, such as matching state and federal contributions, revolving loan funds or ways for states to share or recover costs of forest treatment work. - Research and identify creative funding methods for retention and expansion of milling infrastructure in the PNWER region.	