**Idaho Forest Biomass Workshop**

**November 8-9, 2017 • Grangeville, Idaho**

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**SUPPORT FOR NEW FOREST VENTURES AND GROWING EXISTING VENTURES**

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**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

1 - 4:30 pm  **Field tour**

- Idaho Forest Group Grangeville Sawmill
- Rocky Canyon Pellet manufacturing facility
  
  *Meeting site:* Idaho Forest Group, 171 N. Highway 95, Grangeville, ID 83530

5:30 pm  **No-host reception and dinner** *(Location: Oscar’s Restaurant, 101 E Main St, Grangeville)*

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**Thursday, November 9, 2017** *(Location: Grangeville Senior Center, 108 Grangeville Truck Rte.)*

8:30 am  **Welcome and opening remarks**

*Presenter:* Ben Dair, Sustainable Northwest

8:35 am  **State of the forest resource: Managing for the future**

*Moderator:* Julie Kies, Wood and Biomass Program, USDA Forest Service

*Panelists:* Jim Elbin, Forest Management Bureau, Idaho Department of Lands
Scott Godfrey, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, USDA Forest Service
Dennis Becker, Policy Analysis Group, University of Idaho
Rich McMillan, Potlatch Corporation

*Topics:* What is the current state of the forest resource across federal, state, and private timberlands?
What trends are we seeing in forest health?
What is “biomass” and how does it fit in overall forest management priorities?
How will we manage for the future?
9:30 am  Status and trends in Idaho forest industry and harvests
Moderator: Rick Brenneman, Idaho RC&D
Panelists: Rodney Krogh, Evergreen Forest Products
         Mac Lefebvre, Idaho Forest Group
         Robert Shaw, Woodgrain Millwork
         Mike Sterling, Parma Post & Pole
Topics: What trends are we seeing in timber and fiber availability?
       How is the industry responding to market signals (structural timber, housing starts, mill openings, closures)?
       What does the industrial ecosystem look like and how do different businesses support one another?
       Who buys what from whom?

10:30 am  Break

10:45 am  What’s happening in biomass around the region
Moderator: Chris St. Germaine, Clearwater County Economic Development
Panelists: Randy Brooks, University of Idaho College of Natural Resources
         Andrew Haden, Wisewood Energy
         Gerry Ikola, Ikola Logging
         Stephanie Nelson, Valley County
Topics: What does timber and fiber availability look like for a local business?
       How are projects working across the state?
       What have we learned from pilot projects?
       What have schools, hospitals, and other institutions learned?

11:45 am  Breakout discussion: Bringing the players in the state together
Moderator: Ben Dair, Sustainable Northwest
Topics: A discussion of forest biomass availability and uses
        Where can we compliment each other and maximize utilization?

12:30 pm  Lunch (Provided)

1:15 pm  What are new business/technologies opportunities
Moderator: Julie Kies, Wood and Biomass Program, USDA Forest Service
Panelists: David Drinkard, Ag Energy Solutions
         Eini Lowell, Pacific Northwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service
         Armando MacDonald, University of Idaho College of Natural Resources
         Waste to Wisdom Project, Humboldt University
Topics: What are new business opportunities?
        What are new technology opportunities that have low capital requirements and quick to-market times?
        What tools are available to help with new business opportunities?
2:15 pm  Support and incentives for biomass utilization and industry  
Moderator:  Chris St. Germaine, Clearwater County Economic Development  
Panelists:  Jenny Hemly, Idaho Department of Commerce  
           Julie Kies, Wood and Biomass Program, USDA Forest Service  
           Quang Nguyen, Biomass Feedstock National User Facility, Idaho National Lab  
           Michelle Noordam, Business Programs, USDA Rural Development  
Topics:  Who and what do programs support?  
         What incentives are available?

3:15 pm  Facilitated discussion: Setting the path forward from here  
Presenter:  Ben Dair, Sustainable Northwest  
Topics:  Who have you met during the day and how can you collaborate moving forward?  
         What gaps currently exist in Idaho?  
         How will participants work to develop post-event action items?

4:00 pm  Closing remarks  
Presenter:  Ben Dair, Sustainable Northwest

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