

**Northeast Washington Forestry and Economic Development Workshop**  
**October 13-14, 2015**  
**Location: K Diamond K Ranch; 15661 Highway 21 south, Republic, WA 99166**

**Agenda**

**DAY 1: October 13, 2015**

**1:00pm      Field Tour of Forestry Operations and Wood Utilization at K Diamond K Ranch**

- Dave Konz, Owner, K Diamond K Ranch
  - Discuss forest management on ranch
  - Visit log yard and firewood and post and pole operation

**3:00pm      Forest Biomass Coordination Group Meeting**

**5:30pm      Dinner and socializing**

Location: Freckles BBQ; 18 N Clark Ave, Republic, WA 99166

**DAY 2: October 14, 2015**

**7:30am      Breakfast**

**8:30am      Welcome and Introductions**

**8:45pm      Ecological and Economic Necessity for Using Small Diameter Timber in NE Washington**

- TBD, U.S. Forest Service
  - Recap of fire season
  - Provide overview of long-term plans for NE Washington (5-10 years)
  - Public and private lands management goals and objectives

**9:15am      Quantity and Quality of Timber/Biomass Supply**

- Ben Curtis, Deputy Forest Fire Staff, Colville NF
- Trevor Lane, Washington State University Extension
- Steve McConnell, Washington State University Extension
  - Availability of supply in NE Washington
  - Overview of project pipeline for public and private landowners
  - Economics of forest development and management for long-term recovery

**10:00am      Realities of Harvesting, Transporting, and Generating Value from Small Diameter Timber**

- Russ Vaagen, Vaagen Bros
  - Overview of existing forest products infrastructure in NE Washington
  - Current small diameter utilization and potential opportunities for expansion
  - Challenges of small diameter utilization
  - Potential economic impact of increased biomass utilization

- 10:45am**      **Break**
- 11:00am**      **Integrated Biomass Campus Model and Experiences from Oregon**  
Speaker:  
- Dylan Kruse, Sustainable Northwest
- 11:45am**      **Lunch**
- 12:45pm**      **Economic Development in NE Washington (Facilitated Group Discussion)**  
- Deloit Wolfe, Impact Washington  
- Dave Boyd, Washington Department of Commerce  
- Tri-County Economic Development District
  - Review of current trends
  - County needs and community goals
  - Investment potential/interest in forest products infrastructure
- 1:45pm**      **Emerging Wood Energy Opportunities**
  - Gasification (Philip Appel, Ag Energy)
  - Bio-char (Gloria Flora, Sustainable Obtainable Solutions)
- 2:15pm**      **Takeaways from workshop and discussion of next steps**
- 2:45pm**      **Tour of Ag Energy Gasification Unit**
- 3:30pm**      **Adjourn**