



## 2020 Virtual Community Forest Forum

Three sessions each day (8:30, 11:00 and 1:00)

Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup>

*Bonus* technical session 9:00 – 10:30 am Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>

In light of the challenge of meeting in person, this year's Forum will be held virtually over Zoom. We plan on hosting sessions with topics ranging from community engagement to silviculture. The format is a combination of concentrated (sessions take place over two days) and spread out (an hour or more break between session). A bonus session on day 3 offers the opportunity to learn more about the technical aspects of land acquisition.

Confirmed speakers include

Dr. Susan Charnley, *USDA Pacific Northwest Research Station &*  
Dr. Reem Hajjar, *Oregon State University*  
Justin Hall, *Nisqually River Foundation*  
Rowan Braybrook & Seth Zuckerman *Northwest Natural Resource Group*  
Dr. Klaus Puettmann *Oregon State University*  
Ben Hayes *Springboard Forestry*  
Jay McLaughlin, *Mt Adams Resource Stewards*  
Candice Polisky, *U.S. Forest Service*  
Gregory Graybadger, *U.S. Forest Service*  
Roger Lord, *Mason Bruce & Girard*

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## DAY 1: OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>

### 8:30-10:00 Keynote

Community forestry near and far: global perspectives and local models in the Western US

Dr. Susan Charnley, *Research Social Scientist /USDA Pacific Northwest Research Station & Oregon State University*  
Dr. Reem Hajjar, *Assistant Professor / Oregon State University*

Researchers from the PNW Research Station and Oregon State University present results from ongoing studies into the structure and outcomes of Community Forests across the region and the globe. Who owns and manages forests? How do they define “community”? What operating models and silviculture goals are implemented?

Format: audiovisual presentation (45 minutes) followed by Q&A (30 minutes).

Pre-registration required at

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### 11:00-12:00 Panel

Community engagement strategies

Julie Renaud Evans, *Program Director / Northern Forest Center*

Erik Kingfisher, *Stewardship Director / Jefferson Land Trust*

Linda Spencer, *Mayor / Butte Falls (Invited)*

Moderator: Justin Hall, *Executive Director / Nisqually River Foundation*

How do land trusts and municipalities prepare for community engagement? What strategies and tactics do you use for community engagement? How do your bylaws and operating principles define “community”? What issues and decisions do you bring up for debate? How do you set the direction and values to be implemented in your forest management plan?

Format: panel discussion with 3-4 short presentations (15 minutes each) followed by facilitated discussion (30 minutes).

Pre-registration required at

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### 1:00-2:30 Presentation

Silviculture Outcomes Study

Rowan Braybrook, *Director of Programs / Northwest Natural Resource Group*

Seth Zuckerman, *Executive Director / Northwest Natural Resource Group*

Dr. Klaus Puettmann, *Professor / Oregon State University College of Forestry*

Forest owners manage their properties to pursue their own financial and non-financial goals. Better information about all the available management options will help their decision-making process.

However, Oregon and Washington forest owners currently have little information about the

economics of commercial timber harvest using thinning or uneven-aged management, and how those results compare with other systems.

Format: audiovisual presentation (45 minutes) followed by Q&A (30 minutes).

Pre-registration required at

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## DAY 2: October 29<sup>th</sup>

### 9:00-10:30 Panel

Timber and recreation: balancing multiple values in planning

Sean Chambers, *Union County Parks Coordinator / Mt Emily Recreation Area*

Patrick Lucas, *Community Planning Consultant / Founder @ Aboriginal Youth Mountain Bike Program*

Jay McLaughlin, *Executive Director / Mt Adams Resource Stewards*

Moderator: Ben Hayes, *Springboard Forestry LLC*

Once you have land, how do you come up with a plan for recreation that makes long term sense? How can you balance active management and stakeholders engagement both in planning and operations?

Format: panel discussion with 3-4 short presentations (5-15 minutes each) followed by facilitated discussion (30 minutes).

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### 11:00-12:00 Panel

Getting to Scale: Finance Strategies and Operating Models

Mark Welther, *President & CEO / Redwood Forest Foundation Inc.*

Ben Dair Rothfuss, *Conservation Finance Manager / Sustainable Northwest*

Ben Donatelle, *Natural Resources Policy Specialist / Washington RCO*

- 1) Business model innovation: The Redwood Forest Foundation Inc. and its subsidiary, the Usal Redwood Forest, manage a 50,000-acre property in California's Mendocino County with the goal of restoring the forest, planting redwoods, and managing for long-term sustainability. This presentation details RFFI's innovative business model, creative funding strategies, and many lessons-learned.
- 2) State Revolving Funds: How has a *green infrastructure* approach to forestry informed the financing strategies available for forest acquisition and management? The Oregon Coast Community Forest Initiative began with an effort to map the intersection between drinking watersheds and forests that our coastal communities depend on. Over the past three years,

we have tested a new approach to cost-benefit analysis using VELMA and supported Arch Cape in their application for an Oregon DEQ state revolving fund loan.

- 3) New sources of grant funding: The Washington RCO launched a new grant program in 2020. How does the program work and who should apply?

Format: featured speakers (5 minutes, 15 minutes, and 45 minutes plus Q&A) followed by facilitated discussion (30 minutes).

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### **1:00-2:30 Case Studies**

Case Study: Wallowa East Moraine as an example of a County partnership

Nils Christoffersen, *Executive Director / Wallowa Resources*

Kathleen Ackley, *Executive Director / Wallowa Land Trust*

Practitioners and community members share lessons-learned from recent and ongoing forest acquisitions, forest planning, and community engagement.

Format: panel discussion with 3-4 verbal narratives supported by picture slides (5-15 minutes each) followed by facilitated discussion (30 minutes).

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## **DAY 3: October 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **9:00-10:30 Roundtable discussion**

Appraisal

Candice Polisky, *Community Forest Program Coordinator / U.S. Forest Service*

Gregory Graybadger, *Regional Appraiser / U.S. Forest Service*

Roger Lord, *President / Mason Bruce & Girard*

One of the key milestones for a conservation project is an appraisal, which determines the market value of the property. Back by popular demand, this session offers participants an in-depth discussion about the professional standards for appraisal and the process that the US Forest Service follows to implement popular grant programs such as the Community Forest and Open Space (CFP) program and the Federal Forest Legacy (FLP) program.

Format: panel discussion with a set of questions and discussion prompts (45 minutes each) followed by Q&A (15 minutes).

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