



## 2020 Virtual Community Forest Forum

Three sessions each day (8:30/9:00, 11:00 and 1:00)

Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>

The NW Community Forest leadership team held the Forum virtually. The following describes the event and provides additional resources such as links to video recordings.

Seven workshops were held over three days, with each session, panel, and roundtable discussion presented for separate registration. In total, the virtual event attracted 327 session registrations from unique 120 individuals. The attendees included junior and senior staff from land trusts, the Forest Service, local community members, and professional foresters. Based on the attendee list, we conclude that many were motivated to attend in order to connect with other natural resource professionals, others joined as part of ongoing education and training, and many participated as part of a broader coalition with a common goal of understanding barriers and challenges to community forest development.

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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* &  
Dr. Reem Hajar, *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?

Session 1 recording: <https://youtu.be/e1SHGWWkp1M>

### 11:00-12:00 Panel

Community engagement strategies

Julie Renaud Evans, *Program Director / Northern Forest Center*  
Erik Kingfisher, *Stewardship Director / Jefferson Land Trust*  
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? Our speakers describe the three stages of community outreach and share anecdotes from town forests in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, and , as well as a history and current status of the Chimacum Ridge Community Forest outside Port Townsend, Washington. Our moderator comes to us from the Nisqually Community Forest outside Mt. Rainier, Washington.

Session 2 recording: <https://youtu.be/yCDGy0pC2sw>

### 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

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economics of commercial timber harvest using thinning or uneven-aged management, and how those results compare with other systems. Our speakers present on the initial results of a survey of family forestland owners asked to share the outcomes of their forest operations.

Session 3 recording: <https://youtu.be/Pmb55fAIRlc>

## 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? The speakers for this panel come from a variety of backgrounds, including consulting forestry, parks management, mountain biking and tourism planning, as well as the training and apprenticeship of early-career trails, vegetation, and prescribed fire crews.

Session 4 recording: <https://youtu.be/O6QsICRttoM>

### 11:00-12:00 Panel

Getting to Scale: Finance Strategies and Operating Models

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

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

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

- 1) [10 minute presentation] New sources of grant funding: The Washington RCO launched a new grant program in 2020. How does the program work and who should apply?
- 2) [10 minute presentation] State Revolving Funds: How has a *green infrastructure* approach to forestry informed the financing strategies available for forest acquisition and management?
- 3) [40 minute presentation] 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.

Session 5 recording: <https://youtu.be/1Z3w016DL84>

**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. The Wallowa East Moraine, a 1,791 acre community forest outside Joseph, Oregon, was transferred into Wallowa County ownership in January 2020 with the support of funding from the Forest Legacy Program, Nez Perce Tribe, and private individuals.

Session 6 recording: <https://youtu.be/mtReMdj2PwA>

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

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

Appraisal

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

Roger Lord, *President / Mason Bruce & Girard*

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

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. Our presenters describe the theory and practice of appraisal, tips for working with your appraiser, and guidance for interpreting appraisal results.

Session 7 recording: <https://youtu.be/Yr3TBunlolg>