LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW

FOREST UTILIZATION NETWORK LEADERSHIP

The Forest Utilization Network (FUN) leadership team for 2021 includes:

- Tim Reader (CO), Chair
- Melissa Mokry, Vice Chair
- Tom Perry (MT), Past Chair
- Gerry Gray (UT), State Forester Advisor
- Laura Wager (CWSF), Committee and Network Coordination

Committee/Network Mission Statement and Purpose: This network was established to address a wide scope of forest utilization issues of regional significance. In particular, the Network works to support sustainable forest management and other forest based benefits by working with Council of Western State Foresters (CWSF) leadership to maintain and enhance markets for traditional and non-traditional forest products. The establishment of this network offers the opportunity for the sharing of information across the Western US on utilization issues, representation at the regional and national meetings and the creation of recommendations for the CWSF’s consideration and action.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2021
(3 to 5 tied to specific CWSF and Networks Goals, Strategies, and Priorities)

- **Annual Meeting, Virtual (03/12/21)**
  93% Member Attendance (not including USFS partners and external presenters)
  CWSF Goal 1, Strategies 1, 2, 3. Meaningful engagement and learning. Network administration and function.

  CWSF Goal 2, Strategy 2. Develop, share external facing communications products representing Member priorities.
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- **Promise of Mass Timber Trailer**
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- **FUN Member to Member Assistance** (short term Member to Member assistance, cooperation)
1. CO/UT Mill Tours – Explore utilization opportunities for eastern Utah forest management
2. CA/CO Mobile Treatment and Technology Platforms for hazardous fuels mitigation and utilization
3. MT/CO Mobile Biochar/curtain burner technology demonstrations

• **2021 Mass Timber** (virtual 03/30/21 - 3 Members supported)

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY STATE FORESTERS**
(Maximum of 3 decision items needed by State Foresters)
• Recommendation for State Foresters to approve the Forest Utilization Network 2022 Work Plan.

**2022 WORK PLAN**

**MEETING(S) AND CALLS PLANNED FOR 2022**
• Annual Meeting - TBD in person spring 2022. Arizona confirmed as host.
  >90% expected in-person attendance based on previous in person meetings. Mill tours represent a significant value to Members only achievable in an in-person format.
• Western Juniper Commercialization Peer-to-Peer Network (and partner) learning opportunity (TBD)
  50% > anticipated based on expressed interests. May also include external partners in attendance.
• Quarterly FUN leadership calls
  CWSF Goal 1, Strategies 1, 2, 3. Meaningful engagement and learning. Network administration and function
  CWSF Goal 3 Strengthen western forestry priorities and collaborative partnerships (USFS)

**METHOD OF COMMUNICATION**
• Quarterly to monthly and as needed planning calls and/or video conferencing to develop 2022 meeting scheduling and logistics
• Provide regular updates to CWSF - FUN website and Membership directory

**KEY ACTIVITIES, DELIVERABLES, AND OUTCOMES PLANNED FOR 2022**
• Increase visibility and outreach of Member contributions of expertise to state and regional utilization efforts.
  Examples include Great Plains Biochar Initiative, Southwest Ecological Restoration Institute Multistate Wood Utilization Team, and the Promise of Mass Timber. Solicit additional contributions from Members and prepare informal documentation that could be expanded into a more formalized into Network, Council and State Forester Outreach.
• Provide Member update to Council monthly newsletter updates.
• Finalize results on Member state local wood programs. Present findings to State Foresters.
• Member survey of states with carbon/climate plans inclusive of forest management and biomass utilization mitigation strategies. Present findings to the State Foresters.
• Distribute and identify economic development opportunities (Extension delivery) from completed Wood Wool and Wood Fiber report findings and conclusions.
• Continue to identify key emerging markets and technologies that could strengthen wood products utilization.
• Strive for consistent western state and Pacific Island representation within the network.