



## Ponderosa Pine Utilization Summit

November 18 - 19, 2025 | High Country Conference Center | Flagstaff, AZ

<b>Tuesday, November 18</b> <i>Attire: Business Casual</i> <i>Day's Goal: Building a shared understanding of forest and market conditions, identifying barriers and opportunities, while setting the stage for solutions.</i> <i>*Asterisk indicates the session includes virtual attendees</i>	
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast, provided</b> (Humphreys)
*8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> (Humphreys) <i>Speakers: Karen Hardigg (Hardigg Consulting), Zander Evans (Forest Stewards Guild)</i> Introduce the Ponderosa Pine Utilization Summit, including its purpose, structure, intended outcomes, and participants.
*9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	<b>Session 1: The State of Ponderosa Pine Forests and the Urgency of Action</b> (Humphreys) <i>Speaker: Dr. Andi Thode (Northern Arizona University)</i> Establish a shared understanding of the current condition of ponderosa pine forests and the need for restoration at scale.
*9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>Session 2: Ponderosa Pine Supply</b> (Humphreys) <i>Speakers: Randy Fuller (USDA Forest Service Region 3), Shawn Thomas (Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), Elvy Barton (Salt River Project), Paul Buckland (Inland Empire Paper Company)</i> Explore the availability, variability, and constraints surrounding ponderosa pine supply.
	<b>Silver Tier Sponsor Remarks</b> Ecological Restoration Institute, Northern Arizona University
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
*10:45 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Session 3: Current Ponderosa Pine Products</b> (Humphreys) <i>Speakers: Tony Flagor (Restoration Forest Products), John Galvan (Jemez Pueblo's Walatowa Mill), William Foster (New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department)</i>



	Understand the range of products currently in use and how they support one another across markets.
*11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Session 4: Future Ponderosa Pine Products (Humphreys)</b> <i>Speakers: Jeff Youngblood (Purdue University), Clarke Stevenson (Watershed Research and Training Center), Sean Gunderson (WoodSyn), Grace Sorenson (USDA Forest Service Region 3)</i> Introduce participants to emerging products – ideas that show promise but are not yet commercially implemented.
	<b>Gold Tier Sponsor Remarks</b> National Wild Turkey Federation
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch, provided (Humphreys)</b>
*1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Session 5: Workforce (Humphreys)</b> <i>Speakers: Heidi Huber-Stearns (Ecosystem Workforce Program), Marko Bey (Lomakatsi Restoration Project), Becky Roe (Foundation for California Community Colleges), Ryer Becker (University of Idaho)</i> Discuss workforce challenges across the forest products sector and explore solutions.
2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	<b>Working Session Kickoff (Humphreys)</b> Participants choose one of four concurrent working sessions based on interest. Working sessions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1: Providing consistent supply (Humphreys)</li> <li>• Group 2: Infrastructure and mill limitations (Doyle)</li> <li>• Group 3: Market gaps and product innovation (Rees)</li> <li>• Group 4: Workforce (Ponderosa)</li> </ul>
2:15 - 3:00 p.m.	<b>Working Sessions Round 1: Challenge Mapping</b> Identify and explore the barriers to increased utilization and industry success.
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>Working Sessions Round 2: Challenge Prioritization</b> Build on earlier discussions to refine and prioritize the most important challenges. Participants may switch groups for new perspectives.
*4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Top Challenges: Share and Rank (Humphreys)</b>



	Consolidate insights from working sessions across themes, identify top challenges, and prioritize issues to tackle on day two.
*5:00 p.m.	<b>Wrap Up Remarks and Day's Adjournment</b> ( <i>Humphreys</i> )
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	<b>Reception, light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments provided</b> ( <i>Humphreys</i> )
Evening	<b>Dinner on your own</b>

<b>Wednesday, November 19</b> <i>Attire: Business Casual</i> <i>Day's Goal: Focusing on solution development, regional collaboration, and next steps.</i> <i>*Asterisk indicates the session includes virtual attendees</i>	
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast, provided</b> ( <i>Humphreys</i> )
*8:30 - 8:35 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Day One Highlights</b> ( <i>Humphreys</i> ) <i>Speakers: Karen Hardigg (Hardigg Consulting), Zander Evans (Forest Stewards Guild)</i> Reflect on key insights and challenges identified on day one to set the stage for solution-building.
*8:35 - 9:30 a.m.	<b>Lessons Learned on the Road to Success</b> ( <i>Humphreys</i> ) <i>Speakers: James Gaspard (Biochar Now), Chris Hamm (Timber Age Systems), Kim Slezak (Nebraska Forest Service), Han-Sup Han (Northern Arizona University)</i> Highlight real-world case studies in moving ponderosa pine from forest to end use to inspire new ideas.
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>Solution Lab</b> ( <i>Humphreys</i> ) Collaboratively generate and prioritize solutions, tapping into the creativity and insights of the whole group.
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Regional Breakouts: Localizing Solutions</b> Participants will gather by geography to identify regionally relevant strategies and potential collaborators. Discuss how proposed solutions apply to local, state, and regional needs.
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch, provided</b> ( <i>Humphreys</i> )



	<b>Gold Tier Sponsor Remarks</b> WoodSyn
*1:00 - 1:15 p.m.	<b>Afternoon Preview (<i>Humphreys</i>)</b> Set up the afternoon's collaborative work and walk through logistics for the field tour. Includes an overview of emerging actions identified so far.
1:15 - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Solution Workshops</b> Participants will dive into solutions for each key theme, refine the details, and make them more actionable. Solution workshops include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Group 1: Providing consistent supply (<i>Humphreys</i>)</li> <li>● Group 2: Infrastructure and mill limitations (<i>Doyle</i>)</li> <li>● Group 3: Market gaps and product innovation (<i>Rees</i>)</li> <li>● Group 4: Workforce (<i>Ponderosa</i>)</li> </ul>
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
	<b>Silver Tier Sponsor Remarks</b> Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana
*3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>From Ideas to Action: Priorities and Commitments (<i>Humphreys</i>)</b> Turn ideas into action through a mix of small and large group work, identifying specific priorities, partners, and next steps to move forward after the Summit.
*4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>Reflections and Field Tour Reminders (<i>Humphreys</i>)</b> Share high-potential actions in policy, markets, infrastructure, and research, and the partnerships needed to move them forward.
*4:30 p.m.	<b>Thanks and Summit Adjournment (<i>Humphreys</i>)</b>
Evening	<b>Dinner on your own</b>