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Scoping Dialogue on Bioenergy from Forests

February 27th, 2024 | New Haven CT

Dialogue Objectives

- Build a collective understanding of stakeholder's perspectives, concerns, and priorities related to Bioenergy from Forests.
- Identify areas of disagreement and agreement related to Bioenergy from Forests, especially as these issues relate to forests and land use.
- Explore the question, if Bioenergy from Forests, when, where and under what conditions?
- Co-create an actionable plan that presents a path forward for further engagement to explore issues identified and prioritized by dialogue participants.

Dialogue Co-Chairs

- Ann Bartuska - Resources for the Future
- Gary Dunning - The Forests Dialogue
- Jason Funk - Conservation International
- Sara Kuebbing - Yale Applied Science and Synthesis Program
- Phil Rigdon - Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources

Meeting Agenda

New Haven Lawn Club, 193 Whitney Ave

8:30 Registration and Breakfast

9:00 Welcome and Participant Introductions

10:00 Opening Presentations: Focus Group Discussion & Background Paper Summary

10:45 Breakout Discussion I

- *What about the Background Paper Areas of Concern resonated with you? What is missing?*
- *What do you see as the principal challenges related to Bioenergy from Forests?*

11:45 Lunch & Report Back

12:45 Plenary Discussion

2:00 Breakout Discussion II by region in the US: West, Southeast, Northeast

- *What are the specific challenges in your region?*
- *What do you see as the key opportunities and needs to support social-ecological-climate sustainability of BEF?*

3:00 Report Back

3:30 Break

3:45 Prioritization and Path Forward

5:30 Adjourn

6:30 Dialogue Participant Dinner