



The Forests Dialogue

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Bioenergy from Forests - Pacific Northwest Field Dialogue

June 16-20, 2025 | Portland, OR/Toppenish, WA, USA

Meeting Locations

Monday, June 16 - Dialogue Opener and Dinner

Loyal Legion Restaurant, Mezzanine, Portland Airport, OR

Tuesday-Wednesday, June 17-18 – Field Visit Days

Departing on Tuesday from Radisson Hotel Portland Airport, OR

Thursday-Friday, June 19-20 – Dialogue Days

Legends Casino Hotel, Toppenish, WA

Dialogue Co-Chairs

- **Virginia Dale** – University of Tennessee
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- **Greg Houle** – Sustainable Northwest
- **Phil Rigdon** – Yakama Nation

Dialogue Objectives

- *Gaining a deeper understanding of stakeholder views:* facilitate open and deliberate discussions to gain a comprehensive understanding of the diverse perspectives, interests, and concerns held by stakeholders in the BEF landscape.
- *Creating larger learnings for informed policy:* distill insights from regional dialogues, providing valuable recommendations for sustainable BEF that can shape local practices and inform policy decisions within the United States.
- *Generating global-scale insights:* generate globally relevant insights by examining how international trends and demands intersect with the bioenergy landscape.
- *Catalyzing stakeholder-led action and collaboration:* create opportunities for regional dialogue which will be conducted to identify and learn from specific issues and opportunities in various geographic locations and catalyze action.

Dialogue Agenda

Monday, June 16 – Dialogue Introduction and Dinner

- Loyal Legions Restaurant, Mezzanine, Portland Airport

6:30pm Registration

7:00 Reception Dinner and Presentations

- Introductions, Ground Rules and Expectations
- Background Paper and Field Visit Overview

9:00 Adjourn

Tuesday, June 17 – Field Visits Day 1

- 7:45am** Meet in Lobby of Radisson Hotel Portland Airport
- 8:00** Depart for Field Visits
- 9:15** Port of Longview Stop
 - Chinook Nation Welcome
 - Discussion: state infrastructure and biomass processing
- 11:00** Forest Learning Center Stop
 - Forest Walk
 - Discussion: commercial forestry and residuals management
- 12:30** Lunch
- 3:00pm** Winston Creek Stop
 - Port Blakely Introduction
 - Discussion: Logger rotations, forest ecology and large log infrastructure
- 5:30** Arrive at Packwood
 - Check into hotels
- 6:15** Leave for Dinner
 - Longmire Springs Brewery
- 8:00** Back to hotels

Wednesday, June 18 – Field Visits Day 2

- 7:00am** Depart Hotels and Breakfast
- 9:30** Oak Creek Stop
 - Discussion: Wildfire threats and opportunities for salvage
- 12:15** Yakama Forest Products Stop
 - Discussion: tribal mills and managing residuals
- 12:45** Lunch
- 1:30pm** Leave for Yakama Forests
- 2:30** Simon Butte Stop
 - Discussion: uneven aged management, culture and challenges
- 3:30** Signal Peak Stop
 - Discussion: management differences on tribal, state, private and federal land
- 5:00** Arrive at Legions Casino Hotel

* Free Evening

Thursday, June 19 – Dialogue Day 1

- *Columbia River Meeting Room, Legends Casino Hotel, Toppenish, WA*

8:30am Participant Registration

9:00 Plenary: Opening Session

- Welcome, Introductions, Overview

9:30 Plenary: Field Visit Learnings and Reflections

10:15 Plenary: Stakeholder perspectives on Bioenergy from Forests

11:00 Break

11:15 Plenary: vision for the future of bioenergy from forests in the Pacific Northwest

12:30 Lunch

1:30pm Breakout Groups: Key Challenges to the vision

3:30 Break

3:45 Plenary: Breakout Groups Report Back

4:30 Plenary: Wrap up

5:00 Adjourn

6:30 Group Dinner hosted by the Yakama Nation

Friday, June 20 – Dialogue Day 2

Columbia River Meeting Room, Legends Casino Hotel, Toppenish, WA

8:30am Plenary: Day 3 Recap on Challenges

9:00 Breakout Groups: Ideas and options to address the challenges

10:45 Break

11:00 Plenary: Breakout Groups Report Back

12:00 Lunch

1:00pm Plenary: Prioritization of solutions and next steps

2:30 Plenary: Wrap Up

3:00 Adjourn

3:30 Transport back to Portland Airport