

What Everyone Ought to Know About the Western Coordinating Committee - Forestry



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What is the WCC

Multistate, multi-agency group with the purpose

- identify resource management needs
- coordinate projects
- create products
- simultaneously serve owners, managers, and community needs

Indicators of Achievements

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human dimensions

Family Forest Owners and Climate Change: Understanding, Attitudes, and Educational Needs

Amy T. Grotta, Janean H. Creighton, Christopher Schnepf, and Sylvia Kantor

Focus groups were held throughout the Pacific Northwest to assess family forest owners' perceptions, attitudes, and educational needs related to climate change and its potential impacts on family-owned forests.

Ties to the Land
Succession planning
for landowners

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

June 1, 2013
Peninsula College
1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd.
PUB Conference Room
Port Angeles, WA

June 8, 2013
WSU Thurston County
Extension
5033 Harrison Ave.
Olympia, WA

June 15, 2013
Old WSEC Union Building
156 NW Chehalis Ave.
Chehalis, WA

June 29, 2013
WSU Jefferson County
Extension
380 Jefferson Street
Port Townsend, WA

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Why a Western Extension Forestry Coordinating Committee?

There is a need across the West to develop coordinated extension forestry efforts on a multi-state basis to achieve both programmatic and administrative efficiency and to help meet the requirements of the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act (AREERA).

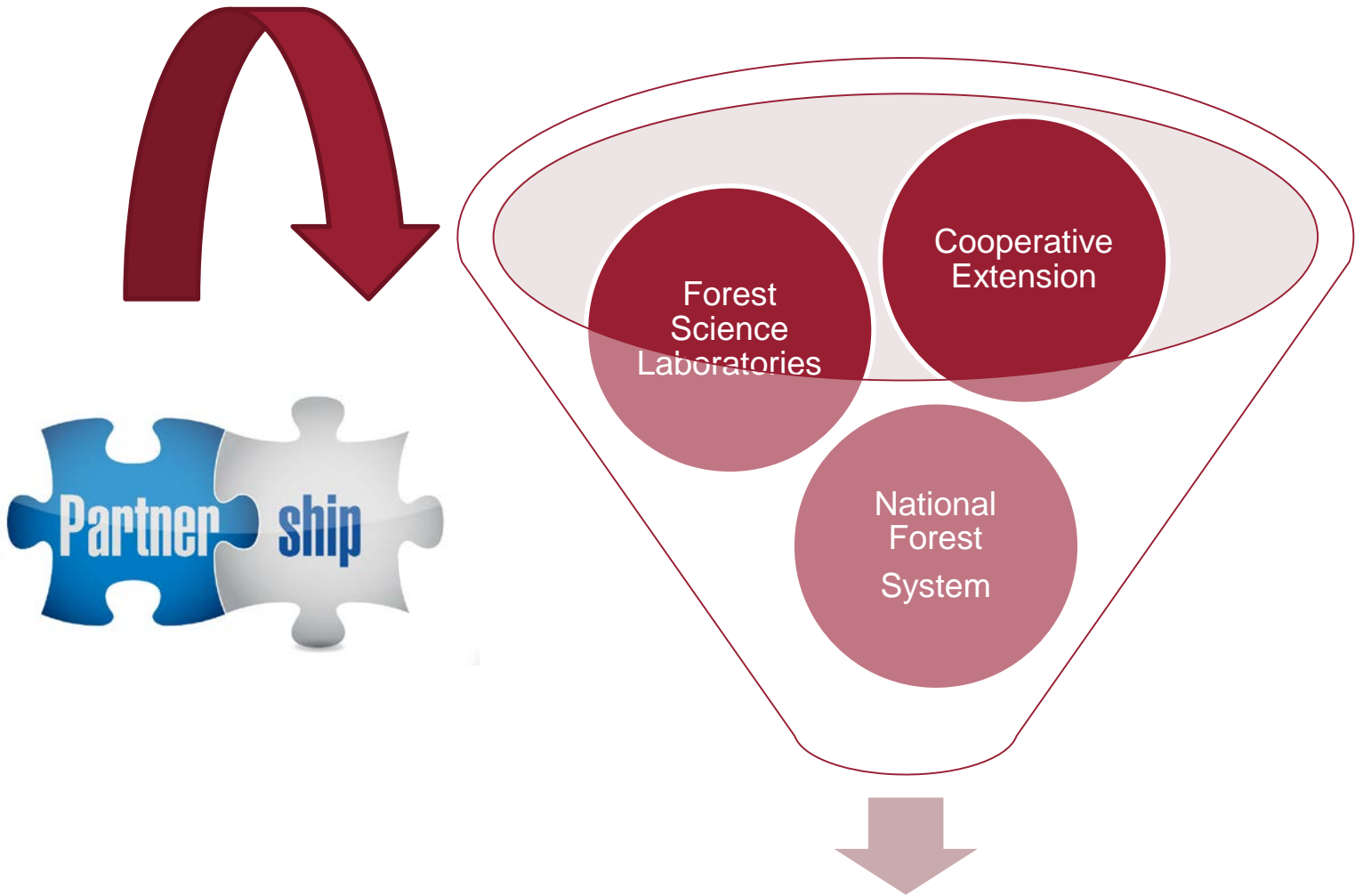


**We are trying to
get the results of credible non-biased research into the
hands of many clientele groups**

**Because
Many of these groups overlap**

**So
there are opportunities for us to work together to create a
compatible process.**

**If we do this, we will
provide better service to clients
and
accomplish better land management across all ownerships
and
use public resources more efficiently and effectively.**



Sustainability of Forests

Emphasizes desired linkages between Extension and the U.S. Forest Service – Focus efforts and resources on shared priorities

RMRS Agreement Number
Cooperator Agreement Number

07-MU-11221600-076

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESEARCH STATION
PACIFIC NORTHWEST RESEARCH STATION
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RESEARCH STATION
AND
WESTERN EXTENSION FORESTRY PROGRAMS
(WCC-FORESTRY)

Title: Making Science Useful

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is hereby made and entered into by and between the Western Extension Forestry, hereinafter referred to as Cooperator, and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Pacific Northwest Research Station and the Pacific Southwest Research Station, hereinafter referred to as Forest Service.

A. PURPOSE:

Our shared purpose is to get the results of credible non-biased research into the hands of many

WCC Participation

- Participating western states with extension forestry capacity
- USDA Forest Service – Research and Development Labs; State and Private Forestry
- Council of Western State Foresters
- USDA Forest Service Western Regional Foresters
- Western Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Program Leaders
- National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP)
- USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Western Forestry Leadership Coalition
- Western Governors Association
- National Woodland Owners Association and state affiliate organizations
- Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Other regional, national and international forest organizations

Administrative Board: Extension director appointed (Chair and VC)

Administrative Advisor: Scott Reed (ex-officio of board)

NIMSS System Administrator, Western Association of Agricultural
Experiment Station Directors, Multistate Research Impact

Communications Program Director:

Sarah G. Lupis

Objectives

Identify existing successful state forestry Extension programs and leverage their effectiveness through shared information and resources.

IDEAS & LEARNING

Develop a list of priority forestry issues in the West and the Extension assets available to address the issues.

PRIORITIES

Coordinate regional responses to funding opportunities and collaborative responses to emerging issues, including a) Seek extramural resources; and b) identify opportunities for multistate collaboration and integrated activities.

RESOURCES

Strengthen regional partnerships.

COOPERATION

Develop and manage appropriate regional forestry programs and publications.

CREATE

Objective 6: Engage with the U.S. Forest Service western research stations to assist with the science delivery needs and to broker strong science-management integration.

PUT INTO PRACTICE

Shared Priorities across Landscapes

Landowners and Communities in and closely adjacent to forests



Photo: Dr. Tony Cheng, Colorado State University, discusses use of the Good Neighbor Authority for addressing landscape-scale needs of USFS, CO State Forest Service, and private landowners

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WAAESD

WCC1003: Coordination of Western Regional Extension Forestry Activities

(Multistate Research Coordinating Committee and Information Exchange Group)

Status: Active

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WCC1003: Coordination of Western Regional Extension Forestry Activities

Search term:

Duration: 10/01/2014 to 09/30/2019

Administrative Advisor(s):

[Scott Reed](#)

NIFA Reps:

Statement of Issues and Justification

Justification: The Western states have 233 million acres of forested lands, with approximately 66% of these forests being in the public domain while 34% are owned by non-governmental entities (source: National Association of State Foresters, www.stateforesters.org.) These non-governmental stakeholders constitute a primary target for extension educational programs in woodland and forest management and wildlife habitat enhancement, and other natural resource issues. Communities in and closely adjacent to forests are another important consumer of extension forestry information. There is a need across the West to develop coordinated extension forestry efforts on a multi-state basis to achieve both programmatic and administrative efficiency and to help meet the requirements of the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act (AREERA).

Currently, the western states extension forestry programs vary widely in scope and depth. Numerous states have only one or very few agents or specialists predominantly dedicated to forestry, with only one state having 20 or more. The Western Coordination Committee (WCC) will coordinate the wide diversity of resources committed to western extension forestry and related renewable natural resources.

Objectives





**Western Coordinating Committee
(WCC) Annual Meeting
July 23-25, Vancouver, WA**

You're Invited!!

Exchange experiences and ideas for engagement in landscape scale-approaches to forest restoration and explore both nascent or more accomplished cases from western states, utilizing pathways by USDA and USDI such as :

- **Good Neighbor Authority** (which allows Forest Service to enter into cooperative contracts allowing the States to perform watershed restoration and forest management services on National Forest System (NFS) lands;
- **Regional Conservation Partnership Program** (or RCPP, which promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance forest owners);
- **Joint Chief's Landscape Restoration Partnership** (“All Lands, All Hands” approach, where Forest Service and NRCS are working in partnership and have improved the health and resiliency of NE WA forest ecosystems where public and private lands.
- **Landscape Scale Restoration Competitive Grant Process** - LSR projects cross boundaries to affect any combination of federal, state, tribal, county, municipal, or private lands.



Thank you for your attention!

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