



2026

Foresters Forum

Draft Agenda

Please note all aspects of this agenda are subject to change.

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

1:00 pm Welcome Address

(by Mark Corrao and Peter Stegner)

1:15 pm How We Tell The Forestry Story

Social Media Forestry Influencers

- o Aaron Bren
- o Brian Rupp
- o Blake Manley

2:15- 2:30 pm Break

2:30 pm-3:45 pm Idaho Forest Products Presentation

With Jennifer Okerland Frederickson and Betty Muniz

3:45- 4:00 pm Break

4:00-4:45 pm VIP Speaker

Keynote Speaker Jamaar Smiley

4:45 pm - Wrap up and additional Q&A

5:00-7:00 pm Social Events

We are pleased to extend an invitation for you to attend our evening social and networking events, scheduled for both Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5 PM to 7 PM.

The specific location within the resort will be announced in our final agenda.

We anticipate that these events will provide an excellent opportunity for meaningful interactions and professional engagement.

We look forward to seeing you there.





Thursday, February 5, 2026 Morning

8:00 am - Welcome Address with Mark Corrao & Peter Stegner, Idaho State Forester
Julia Launch

8:00 - 9:15 am AM Keynote

Matt Donagan - The Importance of Forestry Has Never Been Greater

9:15-9:30 Break

BLOCK I 9:30-10:25

Sean Steinbach – Sun Mountain Lumber

The Last Best Forestry: Challenges/Opportunities For A Montana Sawmill

Joel Glaze - ExxonMobil

Locations, Feedstocks, and Growing Partnerships

Jill Wagner and Nichoals Kager-CDA Tribe Forestry

A Schitsu'umshtsn Perspective on Forest Management

Todd Morgan – Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana

Differences in Western State Log Markets

BLOCK II 10:30-11:25

Tom Whalen – Manulife Forest Management

Interesting encounters in the woods

Montana and Idaho Foresters –

Montana and Idaho Forest Practices Act

Wilfred Previant – Colorado State University

Merging Technology and Dirt Forestry

Lindsay Tighe – Stuwix Resources Joint Venture

Optimizing Log Merchandising

Lunch 11:30 to 1:30 pm

12:30 - 1:30 in Bay 1 Workforce Development Session

"Communications; From the Forest Floor to the Corporate Floor" with Chad Washington, Blake Manely, Carmen Massey, Julia Grant, Chris Leitch



Thursday, February 5, 2026 Afternoon

BLOCK III 1:30-2:25

Raymond O'Brocki – American Wood Council

The Fire Service Doesn't Hate Wood: AWC's Journey with the Fire Service

Tyler Nimke – Stimson Lumber Company

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly- Adventures of Managing Timberland in a Mixed Ownership Landscape

Washington & Oregon Foresters

Washington & Oregon State Forest Practices Act

Ryer Becker – University of Idaho

Advancing Forestry Education and Engagement Through Logging Equipment Simulation

2:25-2:45 Cookies and Coffee Break

BLOCK IV 2:45-3:40

Rebecca Barnard – Sappi North America, Inc.

Global Customers' Perceptions of Sustainable Forestry & Forest Certification – where are we headed?

Karie Decker – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Active Forest Management for Wildlife.

Jon Songster – Idaho Department of Lands

Leveraging the Good Neighbor Authority to increase forest restoration in Idaho

Bruce Ripley - University of Idaho

Leveraging lidar and other remote sensing data products to save time and increase productivity

It's a great day to be a forester 3:45-5:00

with Betty Muniz



Friday, February 6, 2026

French Toast Breakfast

SFI Topic: Policies that work, Policies that don't.

With guest speakers:

- o Rebecca Barnard**
- o Seth Barnes**
- o Gourdy Mouw**
- o Lennard Joe**

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