



**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**

with Mark Corrao & 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**

## **2:30-3:45 PM Idaho Forest Products Presentation**

With Jennifer Okerland Frederickson & Betty Muniz

## **3:45- 4:00 PM Break**

## **4:00-4:45 PM VIP Speaker**

Jamaar Smiley with The Smiley Experience

## **4:45 PM- Wrap up & 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 Keynote**

Matt Donagan - The Importance of Forestry Has Never Been Greater

**9:15-9:30 AM Break**

## BLOCK I 9:30-10:25 AM

**Tom Whalen – Manulife Forest Management**

Interesting encounters in the woods

**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

## BLOCK II 10:30-11:25 AM

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

Differences in Western State Log Markets

**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



# Thursday, February 5, 2026 Lunch

**Lunch 11:30 to 1:30 PM**

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

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

**VR Trailer** located on site available

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# Thursday, February 5, 2026 Afternoon

## BLOCK III 1:30-2:25 PM

### **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 PM Cookies and Coffee Break

## BLOCK IV 2:45-3:40 PM

### **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 PM 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

**Closing**

