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Mapping the Course: Biomass Updates

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Oregon Biomass Utilization Working Group (BUWG)



Our Purpose

Advance the sustainable use of Oregon's abundant woody biomass as a **market-based tool** to:

- Create safe, year-round family-wage jobs in rural communities.
- Add incremental value to existing wood operations
- Reduce wildfire risk while lowering net air pollution.
- Enhance community resilience and energy independence.

100+ MEMBERS

up from ~50 in 2024

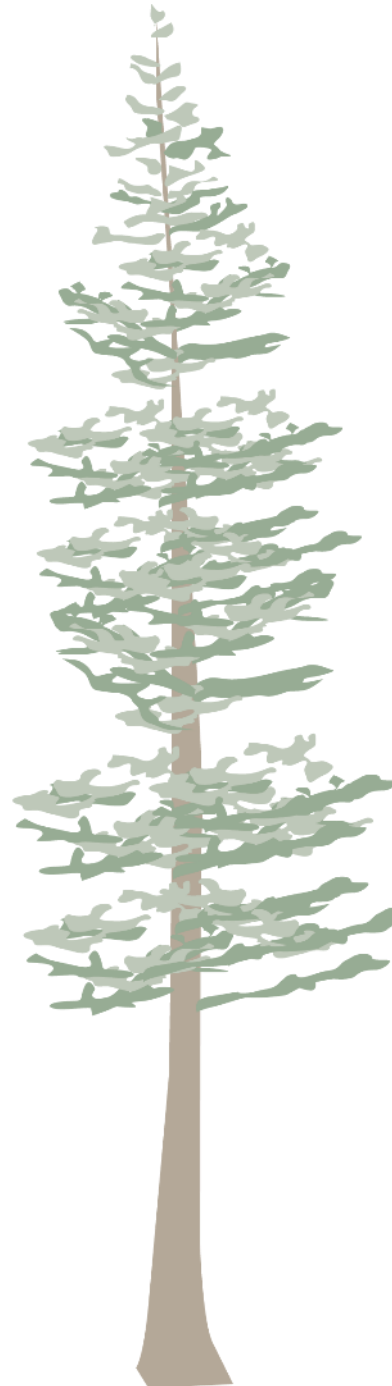
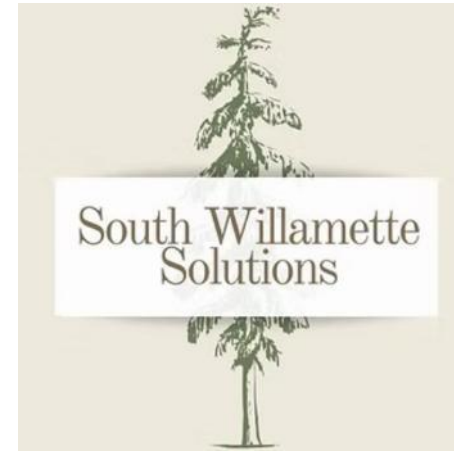


19 MEETINGS

averaging 15 attendees

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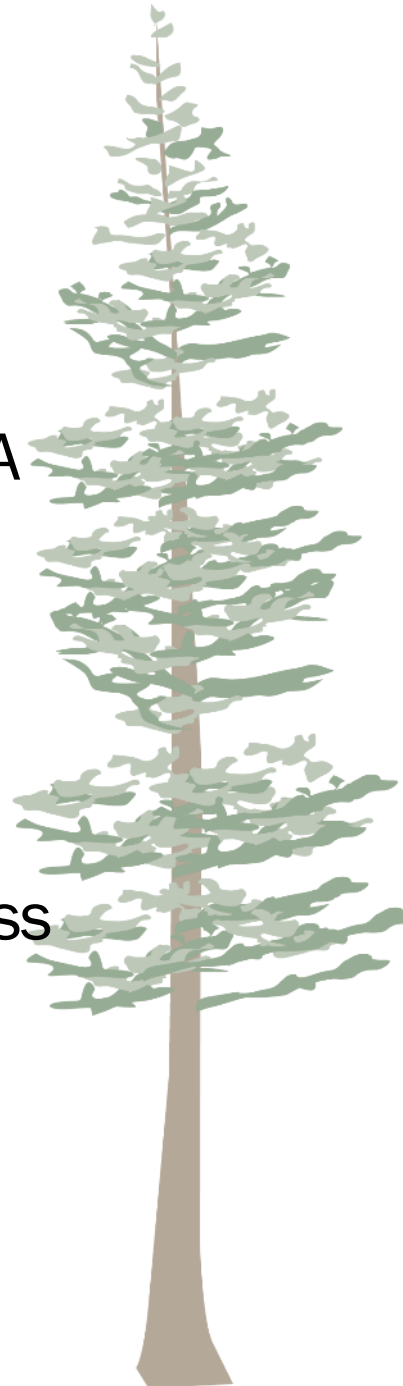
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Who's Involved

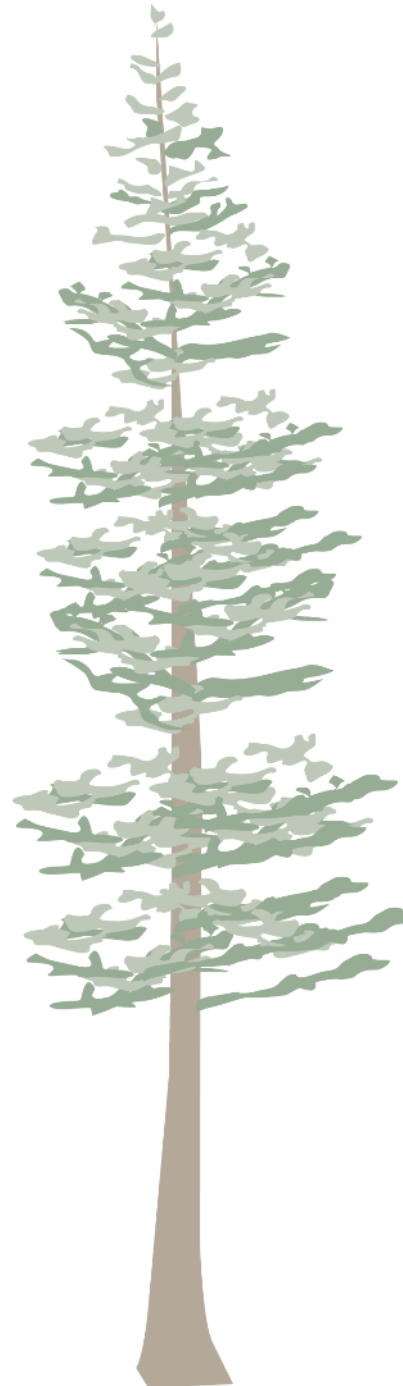
- **State and Federal Agencies:** ODF, DEQ, ODOE, OFRI, WA DNR, WA Commerce, USFS, EPA, etc.
- **Nonprofits:** South Willamette Solutions, Sustainable NW, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition, and more.
- **Industry & Associations:** AOL, OFRI, Valley Environmental, Biomass One, Wisewood Energy, Sol Coast Consulting, Brink's Land Improvement, The Devonshire Group, Nexterra, etc.



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What We Do

- **Facilitation and network development**
 - Match making, collaboration, Western States Partnership
- **Educating and aligning policy and finance administrators**
 - Market development: energy, fuels, air quality, community resilience, forest health, water quality, permitting
 - Presentations and guest speakers
 - Just in time letters of support
- **Technical assistance and pre-development tools**
 - Market mapping & needs assessments
 - Biomass supply assessments and feedstock mapping
 - Technology feasibility, market strategies, business planning

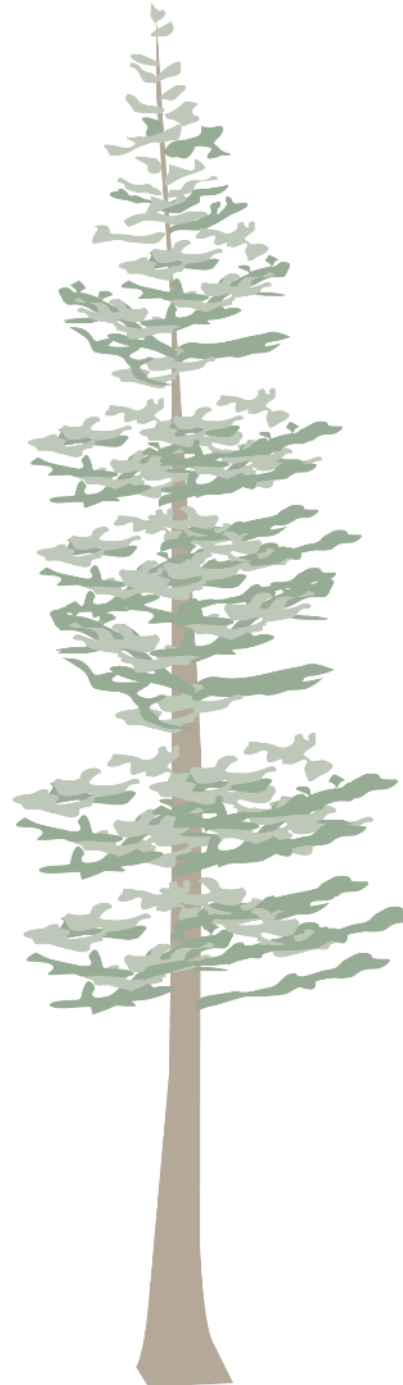


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2025 Guest Presenters

- ODOE (*Geoff Crook*)
- Rogue Valley Community College (*Mark Webb*)
- Allotrope Partners (*Bob Hambrecht*)
- OSU (*Dr. Kevin Lyons*)
- Blue Forest (*Luke Carpenter*)
- CA Bioenergy Association (*Julia Levin*)
- Handprint Impact Partners & NFF Board (*Jeff Nuss*)

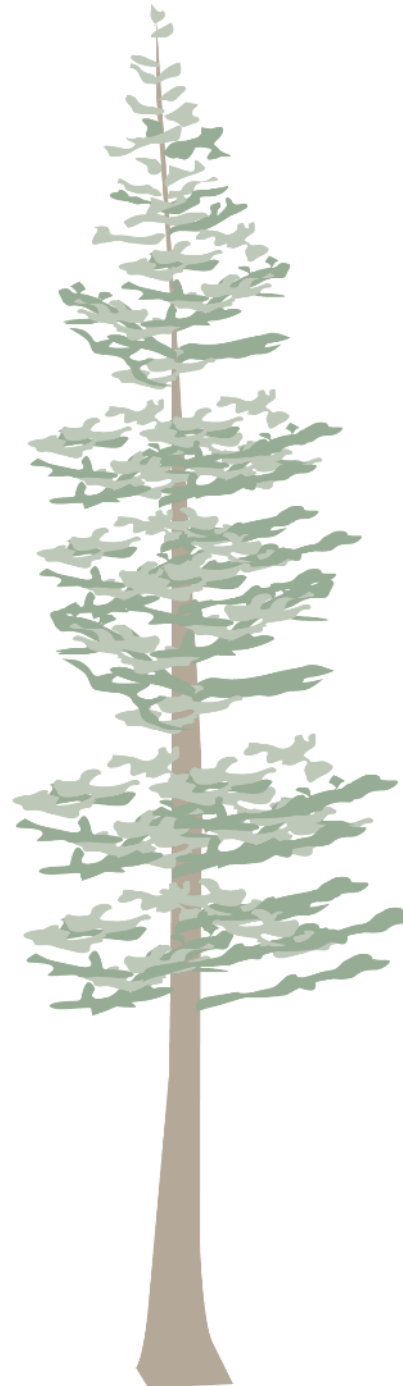


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External Events + Engagement

- **NW Bioenergy Summit** (*October 2024*)
- **EPA Smoke Management in the NW** (*April 2025*)
- **Yale Forest Dialogue on Bioenergy** (*June 2025*)
- **WA Forest Products Roundtable/Biomass Working Group** (*2025*)
- **RVCC Annual Meeting** (*April 2026*)
- **Rogue Forest Partners Field Tour** (*April 2026*)



Questions about BUWG?

Biomass Market Discussion

- **Current moment**

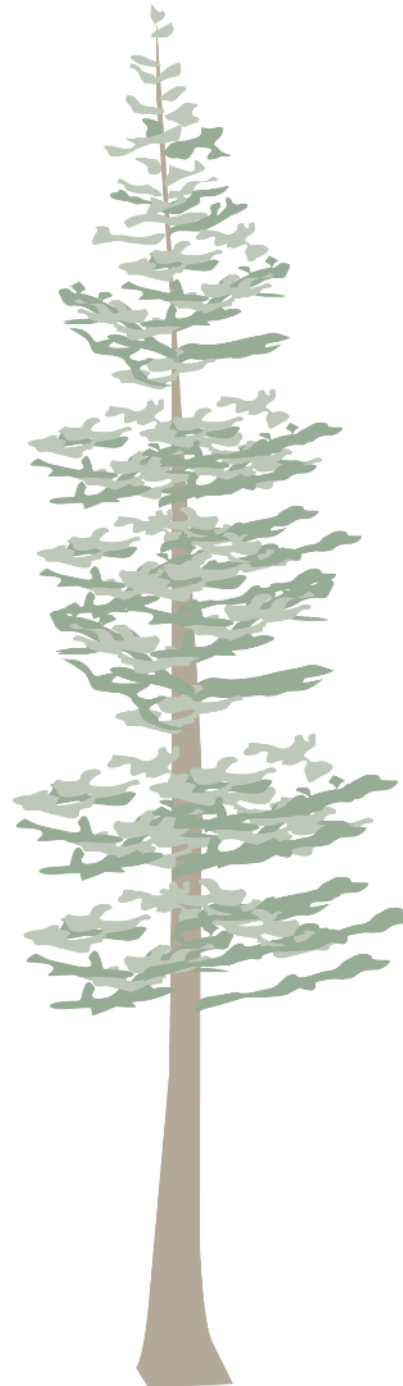
- Wildfire crisis
- Rapidly growing energy demands
- Housing need
- Wood products at large (infrastructure, jobs, and communities)
- Changing narratives

- **Technology transition**

- Right-sizing supply to markets

- **Biochar (co-product of by-product)**

- High-quality soils
- Remediation
- Water filtration
- Carbon removal / carbon credits markets



Question for the Audience:
Where can we be helpful to you?



Contact us



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FOREST BIOMASS FLOW

Where policy can move material from treatment to market

