



November 20, 2025

Indian Summer Golf & Country Club, Olympia
WFPA Annual Meeting Agenda
WHEN FORESTS WORK,
EVERYONE BENEFITS

- 9:00 am PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & REMARKS: Kristen Sawin, VP Government Affairs, Environment & Safety, Weyerhaeuser
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Jason Spadaro, Executive Director, Washington Forest Protection Association
- 9:30 am REGULATORY CROSSROADS: WHAT DOES FUTURE HOLD FOR VITALITY OF WORKING FORESTS?
Moderator: Dr. Sándor Tóth, Associate Professor of Natural Resource Informatics at the University of Washington
Dr. Jennifer Sherman, Professor of Sociology, Washington State University, Author of Dividing Paradise Frank
Chandler, Operations Manager, C and C Logging
Madeline Matson, Director, National Rural Assembly
- 10:30 am Recognition: Tree Farmer of the Year Video: Tom Agens, WTFP Chair, Don, Ken & Mike Lentz, Lentz Brothers Tree Farm
Remembrance: John Ehrenreich, Jr.
Award: Stu Bledsoe Memorial Award
- 10:45 am MARKETS FOR WOOD PRODUCTS - INNOVATION SOLUTIONS FOR A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE
Moderator, Kyle Gitchel, Circular Economy Development Director, Department of Commerce (video: CLT in datacenters)
Ted Sturdevant, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Center for Sustainable Infrastructure Steve Rigdon, Sustainable
Northwest
Cody Desautel, Executive Director, Colville Tribes and Board President Intertribal Timber Council
Bill Turner, Oregon & Washington Log Procurement Manager, Sierra Pacific Industries
- 11:45 am BREAK and VIDEO: The Foresters' Story. Washington is one of the best places in the world to grow trees – see how
foresters reduce catastrophic wildfire, store carbon, and maximize wood products.
- 12:00 pm LUNCH
- 12:30 pm SPEAKER: Dr. Marc McDill, Associate Professor of Forest Management, The Pennsylvania State University
- 1:00 pm BREAK
- 1:15 pm BRIDGING THE DIVIDE: BUILDING COMMON GROUND BETWEEN RURAL & URBAN WASHINGTON
Moderator: Jason Spadaro, Executive Director, Washington Forest Protection Association
Jon DeVaney, President at Washington State Tree Fruit Association
David New, Owner, Nourse Tree Farm
Dr. Elaine Oneil, Executive Director, Washington Farm Forestry Association
- 2:15 pm PERSPECTIVES ON THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
Moderator: Jason Callahan, Policy and Communications Manager, Green Diamond Resources
Sen. Mike Chapman, D-24th Chair, Senate, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
Rep. Kristine Reeves, D-30th Chair, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
Sen. Shelly Short, R-7th Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee
Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-20th House Environment and Energy Committee
- 3:15 pm CONCLUSION: Kristen Sawin, WFPA President; Vice President Government Affairs, Environment & Safety, Weyerhaeuser
- 3:30 pm ADJOURN: Thank you for attending WFPA's 2025 Annual Meeting