

## CA ad hoc Forest Biomass Working Group – eNewsletter 45/2019

**2020 Wood Innovations Grant:** The 2020 Wood Innovations Grant was announced on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. See the press release [here](#). Information on how to apply is available on the [Wood Innovations homepage](#). The RFP and application instructions can be found [here](#). The deadline for submitting grant applications is Jan. 15, 2020. The 2020 grant will be focused on projects that address the following goals: Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands; Reduce the costs of forest management on all land types; Promote economic and environmental health of communities. A national informational webinar will be held on Thursday, November 7th at 10am PST (1pm Eastern). The link to the webinar is <https://usfs.adobeconnect.com/wood-innovations/>. For audio, dial in by phone: 888- 844-9904; use access code 7240140. A regionally focused supplemental webinar will be scheduled after the national one, but all interested applicants are encouraged to attend the national webinar. Questions about the grant and the application process can be directed to Larry Swan ([Larry.Swan@usda.gov](mailto:Larry.Swan@usda.gov)) or Helena Murray ([Helena.Murray@usda.gov](mailto:Helena.Murray@usda.gov)).

**UC Cooperative Extension offers new Series of Forest Stewardship Workshops.** After successfully hiring a Forest Stewardship Education Coordinator, UC Cooperative Extension is now offering the first of a new series of three-day [California Forest Stewardship Workshops](#) in Ukiah, Berkeley, and Redding. This workshop series will help landowners develop plans to improve and protect their forest lands in an ecologically and economically sustainable manner. The workshops will address management objectives and planning, forest restoration, fuels reduction, project development, permitting, and cost-share opportunities. Participants will connect with other landowners and learn how to collect information to develop their own management plans.

**25th International Wood Construction Conference.** The [25th International Wood Construction Conference](#) (IHF2019) will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 in Innsbruck, Austria. The conference provides architects, engineers and builders with an opportunity to report on experiences, processes and goals related to wood structures and construction. At the same time, the conference provides an opportunity for architects, building officials, builders, craftspeople, practitioners and educators to learn about the latest developments and to exchange experiences. The network comprised of Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences, Bern University of Applied Sciences, Aalto University School of Science and Technology Helsinki, Technical University of Munich, Vienna University of Technology, and the University of British Columbia will convene the world's leading summit in this sector and address current and major developments within the global wood construction industry.

**International Mass Timber Conference, March 24–26, 2020, Portland, OR.** The [International Mass Timber Conference](#) is the largest gathering of cross-laminated timber and other mass timber experts in the world, with a special focus on manufacturing and construction. Explore the supply chain for cross-laminated timber (CLT), nail-laminated timber, glulam beams and panels, mass plywood panels, dowel-laminated timber, and laminated veneer lumber; and the opportunities and obstacles for mass timber in global manufacturing and construction.

**DID YOU KNOW?** As part of a [nation-wide study](#), US Forest Service researchers estimated energy savings and associated value due to trees around residential buildings in California to be about \$410,000,000 per year. In addition, over \$100,000,000 per year in associated values are derived from avoided emissions from power plants due to urban/community trees.