

CA ad hoc Forest Biomass Working Group – eNewsletter 06/2021

One year of the California Forest Stewardship Education Initiative: The goal of the [Forest Stewardship Education Initiative](#) is to engage forest landowners to better understand and protect their forests by developing a forest management plan. Participants develop management objectives, learn basic concepts on forest and fire ecology; fuels reduction and forest resource marketing; and develop mapping and inventory skills. Participants interact with Registered Professional Foresters and other forestry professionals to help develop their plans and participate in cost-share opportunities. Read the [Forest Stewardship Education Initiative 1st year implementation report 2020](#), register for an [upcoming workshop](#), or peruse some of the [Workshop Materials](#).

Expanding the Forest Industry in the Southwest. The Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes (SWERI) Wood Utilization Team is pleased to announce a seminar presenting new innovations on in-woods forest operations and forest products business. The purpose of the seminar is to offer an opportunity to learn more about steep slope logging operations, new forest products business development, and investment strategies and incentives. The seminar will be held via Zoom over one and half days on [March 2-3](#), including presentations and virtual field trips. The seminar is free, but those who want to attend the seminar need to register at the seminar website, <https://eri.nau.edu/sweri-wood-utilization-team-webinar/>. Early registration is encouraged to help with better preparing the logistics of this seminar presentation.

2021 Mass Timber Conference. The [International Mass Timber Conference](#), March 30–April 1, 2021, is the largest gathering of mass timber experts in the world. 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 design, manufacturing, and construction.

Presidential Actions - Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad: [Sec. 216 \(b\)](#) - The Secretary of Agriculture shall initiate efforts in the first 60 days from the date of this order to collect input from Tribes, farmers, ranchers, forest owners, conservation groups, firefighters, and other stakeholders on how to best use Department of Agriculture programs, funding and financing capacities, and other authorities, and how to encourage the voluntary adoption of climate-smart agricultural and forestry practices that decrease wildfire risk fueled by climate change and result in additional, measurable, and verifiable carbon reductions and sequestration and that source sustainable bioproducts and fuels.

Forest Carbon Stock Basemap: The [American Forests Forest-Climate Working Group](#) recently put out a [policy platform](#) with a plank calling for "robust forest carbon stocks data." SilviaTerra developed a nationwide, high-resolution Basemap dataset that contains forest carbon stocking data for every acre of America. Learn more at <https://www.silviaterra.com/basemap>.