

CA ad hoc Forest Biomass Working Group – eNewsletter 29/2021

Sierra Forest Entrepreneurs Program. The Sierra Institute for Community and Environment announces a program for those who own or manage a business in the forestry sector. Building and supporting local forest businesses is critical, which is why the [Sierra Forest Entrepreneurs Program](#) is designed to support the range of businesses needed in the forest restoration economy, including everything from forest thinning to wood products manufacturing. The Program is supported by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and includes in-person and online workshops, both one-on-one and group training, and peer learning. Participants will be eligible for up to \$3,000 of funding to pay for certain specialized assistance as needed to ensure success. The Program will begin with an in-person event on August 27th and will wrap up in early December.

The Disaster Reforestation Act. Private forest landowners—many of which are families and small timber companies that produce products like lumber—face immense financial burdens when needing to reforest their lands after a natural disaster, which is often compounded at tax time when private forest owners find their ability to claim a casualty loss for destroyed timber is limited, often to zero dollars. U.S. Reps. Terri Sewell (AL-07) and Buddy Carter (GA-01), introduced H.R. 4210, the [Disaster Reforestation Act of 2021](#). This legislation would help family and private timber growers recover from the loss of timber destroyed by natural disasters and reforest their lands and reduce the financial burden by providing for the equitable tax treatment of casualty loss of their timber crop when disaster strikes.

2021 International Mass Timber Report. The revised, updated and expanded [International Mass Timber Report](#) includes detailed information on the entire supply chain, the latest innovative technology, existing and planned production capacity, and market demand estimates for both North American and international markets. The International Mass Timber Report is a comprehensive go-to resource for mass timber producers, designers, builders, and developers. Produced by Forest Business Network with editorial contributions from a variety of industry leaders, the 2021 Report also includes advertising from many of the industry's leading companies.

Innovations in Forest Operations & Biomass Utilization in the Southwest. Save the Date for [Innovations in Forest Operations & Biomass Utilization in the Southwest workshop](#), November 16th -18th in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Sponsored by the USDA Wood Innovations program and the Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes, this is a sequel to the virtual wood innovations seminar back in March 2021. New in November will be optional lumber drying course and a session on USDA Wood Innovations grants and economic assistance programs immediately preceding our workshop. The link provides a sign up to receive workshop and registration details and updates.

USFS releases Interactive Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Map. Recently, the United States Forest Service (USFS) released an [interactive map](#) that charts climate change vulnerability assessments. These assessments include information on sensitivity, exposure, and adaptive capacity of each assessed system. This map is a unique way to showcase scientific research and observations from multiple disciplines. It shows where assessments are complete, the resources included in the assessment, and supporting documentation for each assessment. These assessments can also be viewed by fiscal year. Maps such as this are valuable tools for natural resource program managers and specialists. Click [here](#) to use and read more about this map.