**Greeting Western Forest Economists and Friends!**

**2024 Western Forest Economists Meeting**

*May 22*

*12-1: Arrival and check-in*

1:00: Welcome and WFE update

1:15 – 1:45. Forestry and the Carbon Offset Conundrum. G. Cornelis van Kooten (Plenary Session)

1:45-3:00Carbon Opportunities/Developments in Canada (Plenary Session): *short talks and a roundtable discussion*

* David Stevenson, Finite Carbon
* David Beleznay, Mosaic
* Warren Greeves, Office of the Chief Forester, BC

*3:00-3:15 break*

3:15 – 4:30 Economics of Wildfire (Plenary Session)

* Estimated direct and indirect of costs of recent extreme wildfires in the Western Canada: Nirmal Subedi, Bryan Bogdanski and Brad Stennes
* Modeling wildfire suppression expenditures in British Columbia: a machine learning based approach: Kota Endo and Lili Sun
* A Defensibility Heuristic for the Economic Evaluation of Wildfire Fuel Treatments: Hugh Scorah and Harry Nelson

4:30-4:40 wrap-up

Fluid session and Dinner at the Lido, 1234 Wharf St Harbour Level - Water Side of Victoria Regent

May 23:

8:00-8:20 arrival

8:20 remarks

8:30 Regional Round-up: Forest Practices, Old Growth and Economic Update?

* BC & Oregon, public and private lands
* Mike Buffo and Mindy Crandall, Oregon
* Tbd, BC

9:30-9:40 break

9:40 -11:20 Concurrent sessions A & B

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| **Session A. Economic perspectives on wildfire and carbon** | | **Session B. Modeling Forest-related Policies and Behaviour** | |
| Title | Authors (presenter underlined), affiliation to come | Title | Authors (presenter underlined) affiliation to come |
| Optimal Compartmentalization Of Forest Landscapes To Reduce Wildfire Risk | Denys Yemshanov, Ning Liu, Eric Nielson and Frank Koch | Understanding small forest landowners through fear constructs: A Washington State factor and cluster analysis case study | Alec Solemslie, Sergey Rabotyagov |
| Understanding how Canadians’ actual and perceived wildfire risk affects likelihood of prevention and mitigation investments and actions | Keldi Forbes, Dr. Kaitlyn Fallow | Adaptive management strategies in Oregon's forest taxation programs | Andres Susaeta |
| From Tradition to Transformation: The Potential of Carbon Credits from Cultural Burning | Philippe Ambeault | A Spatial Evaluation of the Impact of Idaho House Bill 93 on Idaho State Parks | Greg Latta, Rebecca Honsinger, and Chris Zajchowskiski |
| Assessing Post-Fire Salvage Harvest Supply Chains for Wood Product and Bioenergy Production: A Case Study in British Columbia | C. Smyth, J. Metsaranta, B. Hudson, C. Howard, M. Fellows, W. Kurz | Assigning Liability to Forest Operators from Hydrological Risks | Hugh Scorah |
| Impact of carbon market on timber and non-timber values under sustainable forest management. | Patrick Asante | The challenge of effective collaboration in resource management | Tim Hawkins |

11:20-11:30 Break

11:30 – 1:10 Concurrent sessions C & D

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| **Session C. Market Drivers/market development** | | **Session D. Social values in Canadian Forest Management** | |
| Title | Authors (presenter underlined) affiliation to come | Title | Authors (presenter underlined) affiliation to come |
| A spatial disaggregation of forest product demand in the US | Zoey Roberts and Greg Latta | What is the Public Interest? How Forest Professionals Interpret Organizational Visions in British Columbia | Levi E. Robson; Harry W. Nelson |
| Incentivising investments and interventions in the forest product industry’s supply chain to reduce Scope 3 emissions and achieve emission reduction targets: A supply shed approach | Jeffrey Ross and Greg Latta | A BC Approach to the Land Question | William L.Wagner, PhD |
| Do Exporters of Canadian Forest Products Price to Market? | Kurt Niquidet, Lili Sun, Craig Johnston | Emerging from Green Timbers: Silviculture in British Columbia | Sen Wang |
| Overview and Strategic Challenges of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) | Dr. Ivan Eastin | 2 Billion Trees (2BT) Program: Delivering on an Ambitious Commitment | RC Hernandez |
| Innovation and Sources of Knowledge in the Western North American Hardwood Sector | Victoria Diederichs, Mindy Crandall, and Eric Hansen | Climate Change, Woodland Caribou Protection And Canada’s Timber Supply: Assessing The Potential Impacts | Denys Yemshanov, Mackenzie Simpson, Sylvie Gauthier, Ning Liu, John Pedlar, Pierre Bernier, Yan Boulanger, Guillaume Cyr and Anne-Helene Mathey |

1:10-2:30 WFE membership meeting and catered lunch

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