



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
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