

Financial Assistance for Forest Industry Virtual Workshop

Wednesday November 10, 2021; 8:00-10:15 am Mountain Standard Time

8:00 - 8:05: Introduction/Welcome

Facilitator: **Rich Edwards**, Research Associate; Northern Arizona University Ecological Restoration Institute (NAU ERI)

8:05 - 10:05: Featured Financial Assistance Program Descriptions & Recipient Case Studies

General format: 15 minutes each for program description; 5 minutes each for recipient/case study discussion; 10 minutes each for questions

- 8:05 - 8:35: USDA Forest Service (USFS) Wood Innovations Grants
 - **Laura Wolf**, Wood Innovations; USFS Region 2 program description (15 min)
 - **Tyson Nicoll**, Owner, Arizona Log & TimberWorks, LLC; Region 3 Wood Innovations Grant recipient discussion (5 min)
 - Questions (10 min)
- 8:35 - 9:05: USDA Rural Development (RD) Financial Assistance Programs
 - **Carlos Contreras**, Business Programs Loan Specialist / Energy Coordinator; USDA RD program description (15 min)
 - **Carlos Contreras**, Rural Energy for America Program & Value-Added Producer Grant case study discussion (5 min)
 - Questions (10 min)
- 9:05 - 9:35: New Mexico Economic Development Department (NM EDD) Assistance
 - **Tim Hagaman**, Community, Business, & Rural Development Team; NM Economic Development Department, EDD program description (15 min)
 - **Tim Hagaman**, Lance Forest Products Cimarron Sawmill Project case study discussion (5 min)
 - Questions (10 min)
- 9:35 - 10:05: USDC Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grants
 - **Asia King**, Economic Development Representative; EDA program description (15 min)
 - **Han-Sup Han**, Director, NAU ERI Forest Operations & Biomass Utilization program; USDC EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance planning grant recipient discussion (5 min)
 - Questions (10 min)

10:05 - 10:15: Wrap Up and Adjourn