

Institute for Working Forest Landscapes

Visioning

We started this effort as a reset of the Institute for Working Forest Landscapes (IWFL). This was partly prompted by Allyn Ford's comments on us needing to broaden our support base to ensure credibility, partly by the multitude of disruptions that we have faced as a community and we will continue to face as society (COVID pandemic, wildfires, drought, heat domes, and insects and disease), and partly by the social/political issues, policy issues (litigation, PFA, devaluation of knowledge) that are influencing the forest sector. We as a sector have so much to offer, but we find ourselves vulnerable and exposed. We must strive to be robust and resilient. More than ever, we need intentionality in order to be relevant, impactful, and science focused. We need to push against the tide of polarization and propel forestry to the forefront of conservation and into the solution space for climate change. We need to stand firmly and squarely against misinformation, oversimplification, and the devaluation of science and knowledge. How do we do all of that with an institute? Well, we need to take a holistic view of forests, forestry, forest products and the multitude of values associated with them both here in Oregon and across the globe. We need to promote interdisciplinary science that provides a systems-based understanding of forestry and society. We, as an institute, accomplish this through funding research and conducting science outreach with realistic goals for what can be accomplished over the next 10 years. Given where we have come from and where we are going, the following provides the mission, vision, purpose, and values for the institute, along with a new name—Center for the Future of Forests and Society (CFFS). Like you, I am humbled by the enormity of the work in front of us. We have no choice, however, but to put the full weight of our effort into this work—the future requires it. I'm equally grateful to each of you for eagerly engaging in this effort to reimagine not only the IWFL, but the role of forestry in the future.

Center for the Future of Forests and Society (CFFS)

Mission – the work of our organization

To advance systems-based science and knowledge to ensure the resiliency of our forests, inform sustainable forest management practices, and positively impact society.

Vision – our reality by 2030

Thriving forest ecosystems, economies, and communities in Oregon and beyond.

Purpose – why we do this work

To ensure forests provide for societal and ecological well-being.

Values – our code of conduct

- *Integrity*
- *Sustainability*
- *Humility*
- *Forward Thinking*
- *Impact*