



Trestles to Common Ground The Timber Scene is Evergreen

April 22-24, 2026

Welcome to the 79th Olympic Logging Conference!

We are excited to share and connect with you in Victoria! Our hope is to engage our guests with relevant industry information and topics while providing a venue for productive networking and enjoyable activities, all in a world class setting. Bring your spouse and your family, all who are interested and connected to our industry are welcome.

This year's theme is: "Trestles to Common Ground - The Timber Scene is Evergreen".

The focus of this conference will be to share and equip our industry leaders now and into the future with tools to help trestle the growing gap between our industry and the generally misinformed. In a time of enhanced forest industry social pressures and political headwinds, there is not a better time to come together as one industry with one unified message; The Timber Scene is Evergreen.

The Olympic Logging Conference success is owed entirely to the generous support we receive from our sponsors. **A huge thank you goes out to each and every organization that supports this conference through your sponsorship.** We could not do this with out you.

We also extend our gratitude to the past and present hardworking men and women of the board of directors. Your dedication, commitment and behind the scenes expertise is instrumental to the continuous improvement and traditions of our conference.

On behalf of the board of directors, we are pleased to welcome you to the 79th annual conference. We invite you to take full advantage of the opportunities to learn, connect, collaborate and integrate your contributions into the success of our forest industry.

With grand appreciation,
Bryan and Karen Huber



79TH ANNUAL OLYMPIC LOGGING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Trestles to Common Ground – The Timber Scene is Evergreen

WEDNESDAY—APRIL 22, 2026 (Casual)

Tour—Arbutus Nursery — <i>Lobby (transportation provided)</i>	11:15 AM—2:15 PM
Conference Check-In/Meet & Greet — <i>Shaughnessy Room</i>	7:30—10:00 PM

THURSDAY—APRIL 23, 2026 (Business Casual)

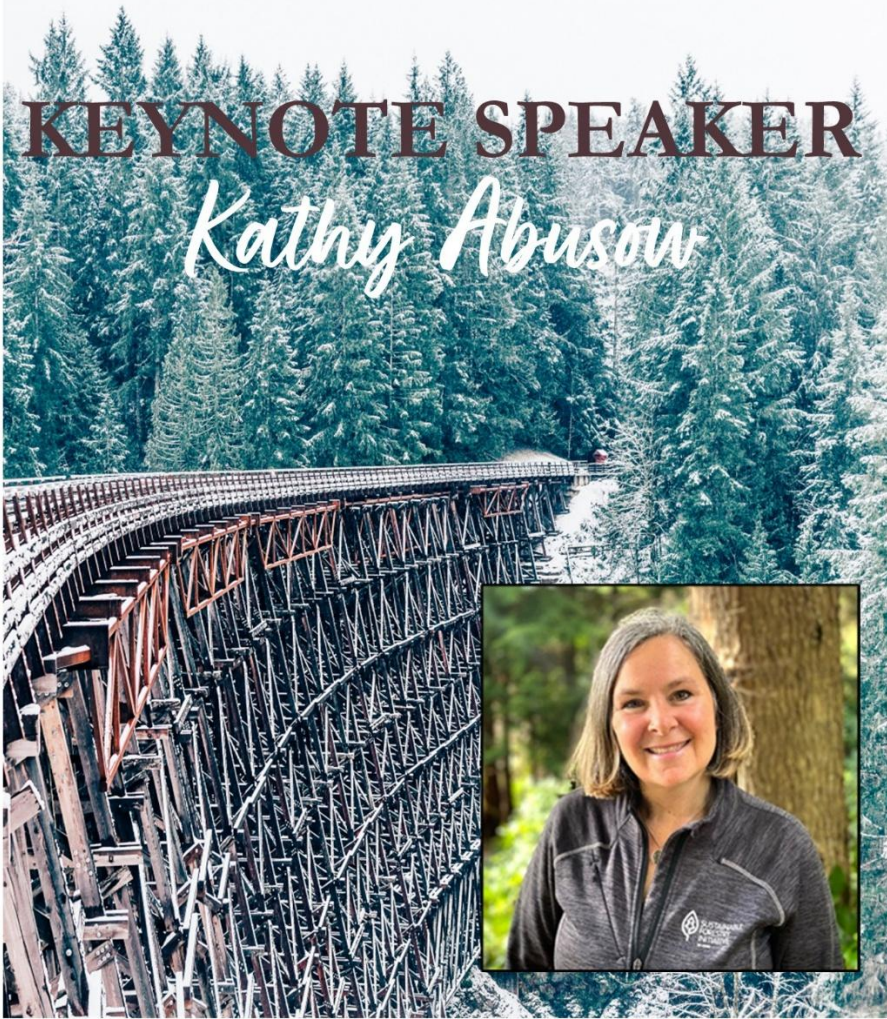
Conference Check-In & Breakfast, Early Bird Drawing — <i>Palm Court</i>	6:30—9:00 AM
Past Chair Breakfast — <i>Library</i>	6:30—7:30 AM
Olympic Logging History — Cam Field — <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	7:30 AM
Welcome, Invocation, Introductions — Bryan Huber, Norm Schaaf <i>Crystal Ballroom</i> , Board Nomination and Vote – Joel Pedersen	8:00 AM
WCLA Update — Jerry Bonagofsky	8:20 AM
Pacific Logging Congress Update — Duane Doyle, Jr.	8:30 AM
Log Market/Timber Supply Outlook — Brendan Kelley	8:40 AM
Healthy Forest Healthy Communities – Nick Smith	9:10 AM
Washington Legislative Update — MC McAleer	9:40 AM
BREAK	9:55 – 10:10 AM
Washington Forest Protection Association – Cindy Mitchell	10:10 AM
KEYNOTE: Kathy Abusow – Sustainable Forestry Initiative	10:40 AM
Announcements	11:35 AM
LUNCH — on your own	11:40 AM
Carbon Sequestration & Working Forests – Dr. Elaine Oneil	1:10 PM
DNR State of the Union – Michael Kearney	1:40 PM
American Forest Resource Council (AFRC) – Matt Comisky	2:25 PM
BREAK — snacks and coffee provided	2:50 – 3:00 PM
Western Forestry and Conservation Association (WFCA) – Blake Manley	3:00 PM
Bridging the Gap – Galbraith Mtn Bike Trails: ♦Eric Brown ♦Rob Janicki ♦David Janicki	3:35 PM
Announcements	4:00 PM
Reception— <i>Palm Court (Semi-Formal Dress)</i>	6:00 PM
Dinner, 50/50 Raffle, Scholarship Awards, Live Auction— <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	7:00 PM
After Hours Social—Hosted by Cascade Trader— <i>Rattenbury (downstairs)</i>	Until 12:30 PM

FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2026 (Casual)

Breakfast— <i>Palm Court</i>	6:00-9:00 AM
Early Bird Drawing — <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	6:45 AM
Olympic Logging History — Cam Field — <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	7:00 AM
What's New in Timber: ♦Iain MacDonald – TallWood Desing Inst. ♦ Vince Wilbur – Technical Forest Solutions ♦ Jack Wolf - AeroTract	7:30 AM
Announcements	9:00 AM
Golf Scramble at Cordova Bay Golf Course — <i>Lobby (transportation and lunch provided)</i>	9:15 AM—5:45 PM
Kinsol Trestle Hike — <i>Lobby (transportation and lunch provided)</i>	9:45 AM—2:30 PM
Reception— <i>Palm Court (Formal)</i>	6:45 PM
Dinner, Awards, Silent Auction, Closing— <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	7:30 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Kathy Abusow



Kathy Abusow is President and CEO of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc. (SFI), a non-profit organization with a mission to advance sustainability through forest-focused collaborations. Under Kathy's leadership, SFI has expanded its scope beyond standards to include conservation collaboration, community engagement, Indigenous relations, environmental education, and career pathways in the forest sector.

Kathy is passionate about career pathways, nature-based solutions, research and innovation, as well as global market access for certified forest products. Kathy has led, moderated, and spoken at well-respected international forums. Kathy's TedX Talk on the Power of SFM from 2016 is still highly relevant today given the continued global focus being on deforestation and degradation.

Since Kathy joined SFI in 2007, forests certified to the SFI® Forest Management Standard have grown from 55 million to more than a 150 million hectares on public, private, Indigenous, conservation, university, urban, and community forests across North America. The SFI Standard has global reach and relevance and is endorsed by PEFC International.

SPEAKERS



JERRY BONAGOFSKY
CEO
Safety Director
WCLA

Jerry has worked at Washington Contract Loggers Association (WCLA) since 1995. From 1988 to 1995, he worked for the Washington Department of Labor & Industries, primarily as their statewide logging safety consultant. He also worked as a logger for about 17 years.



ERIC BROWN
Exec. Director
Whatcom
Mountain Bike
Coalition

Eric leads a passionate team dedicated to building and sustaining world-class trail networks across Whatcom County. After 18 years in corporate America, Eric made the transition to

the nonprofit sector to pursue his lifelong connection to trails and community. His love for riding and trail building began as a young kid on a BMX bike, digging in the dirt and shaping lines wherever he could. Over the years, he has helped create several classic trails throughout the Pacific Northwest, earning a reputation for craftsmanship and vision. Today, Eric brings both strategic leadership and hands-on experience to WMBC, guiding the organization's growth while staying rooted in the trail culture that inspired him from the start.



MATT COMISKY
American Forest
Resource Council
Washington State

Matt spent the first 15 years of his career in private industry providing engineering, forestry, construction management, and real estate services to both large and small private landowners. Prior to joining AFRC, he worked for the Washington State Department of

Natural Resources (DNR) as an engineer. While at DNR, he managed a variety of duties, including road and stream crossing design, and road maintenance projects. Matt also is a graduate of Class 31 of the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Leadership program. At AFRC, Matt is responsible for monitoring both State and Federal timber programs within Washington.



DUANE DOYLE, JR.
President
Pacific
Logging
Congress

Duane started his career with Peterson at the age of 15 in the Parts Department in San Leandro, CA. During High School and College, he worked in the Service Department as a Heavy Equipment mechanic. After graduating from the University of Oregon in 2007 with a Business

DUANE DOYLE (cont'd)

degree, Duane worked his way up in the company in various diverse and demanding positions throughout California and Oregon. Today he is the Dealer Principal of Peterson, and he has taken over for his father as the 4th generation leader of the family business.

Duane and his wife Joanna have been married 17 years and are the proud parents of two beautiful girls, Reagan and Hadley, and their son Kellan. In his spare time, Duane enjoys watching college football, playing golf, exercising, skiing, and restoring hot rods.



CAM FIELD
Retired
Merrill & Ring

Cam started his career in 1975 with DNR as a timber cruiser's compass driver. In 1978 he was assigned to work out of Forks, WA, for a fellow named Jack Zaccardo. Through Jack he experienced the history of early logging practices. When Cam was in the 4th grade at Monroe School in Port Angeles, Jack's grandfather, Bert Kellogg, came and presented a show of old time logging through negatives he had developed into slides which Cam never forgot. During his career at DNR and Merrill & Ring, Jack and Cam remained good friends. Cam always looked forward to seeing Jack with his trays of slides, the original ones collected by Grandpa Bert! Cam's one regret was not taking Jack up on "personal tutoring" of the slide collection. He is now excited and proud to be the presenter of Olympic Logging History, the old Jack's Spot, presenting the original slides of Bert Kellogg.



DAVID
JANICKI
Asset/Sales
Manager
Janicki
Logging

3rd Generation Logger. David worked in the rigging every summer while attending the University of Dallas. Graduated in 2013 with degrees in Economics, History, and Spanish and moved back to Washington in 2019 to work with cousins Johnny and Peter to run Janicki Logging. Happily married to Elizabeth with 3 children, Anastasia, Judith, and Ambrose.



ROB
JANICKI
Entrepreneur
Developer
The RJ Group

Rob Janicki is an accomplished entrepreneur and developer with extensive experience in real estate development, sustainable land use, timber harvesting, biomass energy, and carbon optimization. With 35 years in the timber industry, he has built a career at the intersection of natural resource management and sustainable development. As founder of The RJ Group, he leads community focused residential and commercial projects emphasizing green space, eco friendly design, and long term value. He also founded Janicki Energy to advance biomass projects. His leadership spans multiple companies, and he holds a Magna Cum Laude degree in Physics and Mathematics from Gonzaga University.



MICHAEL
KEARNEY
Division
Manager,
WA DNR

Michael Kearney works for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources as the Division Manager for the Product Sales & Leasing Division. Product Sales & Leasing is responsible for producing \$200-250 million in non-tax revenue annually on state trust lands through

timber, agriculture, commercial real estate, and other leasing programs. Michael has been with DNR since 2014, and has worked in the Rights of Way, and Leasing & Business Management sections of State Uplands. He has a J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School where he earned certificates in natural resources law and global law, and a B.A. from the Evergreen State College in liberal arts. Prior to working for the DNR he worked as a solo law practitioner, and internationally as a business trainer, small business owner, translator, and language teacher.



BRENDAN
KELLEY
Senior
Appraiser,
Mason, Bruce
& Girard

Brendan is the Senior Appraiser for Western North America for Mason, Bruce, & Girard. Brendan specializes in timberland and natural resource valuation, supporting investor relations, acquisitions, divestitures, and conservation easement management. Brendan previously worked in positions that afforded him unique insights into the world of timberland investment, working on the ground leading a logging crew to working as a resource forester to working behind the scenes doing marketing analytics. Brendan earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from Humboldt State University. He is a state certified appraiser in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.



IAIN
MACDONALD
Founding
Director,
TallWood
Design Inst.

Iain Macdonald is the founding

IAIN MACDONALD (cont'd)

Director of the TallWood Design Institute, a position he has held since 2016. He has worked in business development, training and research management roles in the forest products industry for 23 years, prior to which he was involved in export marketing of building products to Asia Pacific markets. Macdonald led the Centre for Advanced Wood Processing (CAWP) at University of British Columbia, Canada (UBC) for nine years, during which time he was involved in early efforts by the Province of British Columbia to stimulate and support BC's emerging mass timber industry. Iain holds degrees in marketing and professional education and he is a director and past chair of Canada's Wood Manufacturing Council. Since 2020 he has been one of the founders of the Oregon Mass Timber Coalition, and in 2023 he led the expansion of that partnership into Washington, Montana and Idaho to create and lead the Pacific Northwest Mass Timber Tech Hub, which now encompasses over 120 businesses and organizations.



**BLAKE
MANLEY**
**Executive
Director,
Western
Forest
Conservation
Association**

Blake Manley is a 4th generation logger turned educator. He has spent his entire adult life working in the forest products sector in some capacity, which started as a knotbumber in 1999 for the family company. After college, Manley worked for the U.S. Forest Service, DR Johnson and Moulding and Millwork Inc., before returning home to work for seven years with

the family business, Manley Brothers Logging.

In 2018, he began his next step in the industry, education. Blake taught a very robust high school forestry program in Sweet Home, Oregon for 5 years where he grew a 15 person after school club into a 250-student program. During these years he developed the hit YouTube series called "Manley Jobs." The series, showcasing hands on jobs with a focus in forest products. "Manley Jobs" has been featured on Fox News, Lars Larson, and many other large media outlets. Blake has been the keynote address at 6 major conferences advocating for youth and industry partnerships. He is now the Executive Director of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association where he advocates for education at all levels from high school through professional.



MC MCALEER
**Public Affairs
MGR,
Weyerhaeuser
WA/Canada**

Mary Catherine (MC) has served the Weyerhaeuser Company's Washington state and Canadian regions as Public Affairs Manager since 2018, and has been working in and around the Washington State Legislature since 2013. McAleer studied Biology and Economics at Gonzaga University and Middle East Global Politics at the London School of Economics. In her spare time, MC enjoys cooking and traveling with her husband and three stepchildren.



**CINDY
MITCHELL**
**Sr. Dir. Public
Affairs/CFO
WA Forest
Protection
Association**

Cindy Mitchell is Senior Director of Public Affairs and CFO at the Washington Forest Protection Association, where she leads public information and strategic communications on forest policy. She is known for making complex regulatory, economic, and scientific issues clear and useful for policymakers, stakeholders, and the public. Cindy brings deep experience in forestry policy, research, and coalition-building tied to Washington's Forest Practices framework and long-term habitat conservation strategy. A CPA with graduate degrees in business and counseling psychology, she brings a practical, thoughtful, and data-driven perspective to natural resource issues.



**DR. ELAINE
ONEIL**
**Director of
Science &
Sustainability
CORRIM**

Dr. Elaine Oneil serves as the Director of Science and Sustainability for CORRIM (Consortium for Research on Renewable Industrial Materials), a university research consortium that has spent 30 years conducting life cycle inventory and life cycle assessments on wood products from cradle to grave. She also supports small forest landowners as the Executive Director of the Washington Farm Forestry Association. Dr. Oneil has spent 40 years in the forest sector including operational forestry and management, conducting research on climate change, timber supply modeling and analysis, forest carbon dynamics, life cycle assessment of forest operations and wood products, and integrating these elements within a policy and economic framework that works for small forest landowners.



NORM SCHAAF
Owner
NorthStar
Forestry, LLC

Oregon Loggers. Prior to joining the timber industry, Nick worked 10 years in the Oregon Legislature, where he provided communications services to House leaders.



VINCE WILBUR
Product Support and Sales MGR, Technical Forest Solutions (TFS)

Vince joined TFS in 2016 as the Product Support and Sales Manager to help grow and support the TFS business. His duties include managing day-to-day operations, manufacturing, operational training and product support. Vince also works directly with the manufacture in New Zealand to bring the best solutions for the NW market.



JACK WOLF
Director of Software AeroTract

Jack Wolf is Director of Software at AeroTract, where he leads development of AI-powered geospatial tools that help forestry and agriculture teams turn drone data into actionable insights.

Jack holds a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and spent several years in doctoral research applying AI to natural science problems before moving into industry in 2022. His work bridges machine learning and land management, building scalable systems that modernize how natural resources are measured, analyzed, and understood.

Norm started NorthStar Forestry, LLC in 2018 and serves as a consultant forester for private forest landowners. Norm received his Forestry degree from Washington State University in 1973, and obtained an MBA in 1998 from the University of Washington. Norm worked for Merrill & Ring, starting as Timberlands Manager in 1993 and retired in 2018 as President. He graduated from the Wash. Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Program and received their Excellence in Leadership Award in 2010. Norm is a member of the Society of American Foresters, and has served on the Forest Practices Board and WFPA Board of Trustees.



NICK SMITH
Public Affairs Director American Forest Resource Council (AFRC)

Nick Smith is Public Affairs Director for AFRC, a trade association representing logging and wood products manufacturing operations in five western states. At AFRC, Nick handles news media outreach, manages external communications, and hosts a popular forestry podcast. In 2013, Nick founded Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities, a non-profit grassroots organization that advocates for better management of our federally-owned forests. He has also provided communications services to various timber industry associations including the Federal Forest Resource Coalition, American Loggers Council, Associated California Loggers and Associated

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