

Organizational Profile and Biographies of Stewardship Workshop Facilitators

RESOURCE INNOVATIONS

Resource Innovations is a sustainable development research and technical assistance program affiliated with the Institute for a Sustainable Environment at the University of Oregon. Resource Innovations' team brings strong experience in collaborative stewardship contracting, woody biomass utilization, facilitation and collaborative processes.

Resource Innovations designs and delivers workshops that focus on the local situation and aim to facilitate and build upon local capacity in order to deliver maximum value. Material is adapted for each location and they do not use a one size fits all approach. Resource Innovations works with the partners in order to bring local expertise and experience to the workshop. Their role as facilitators is to use their experience and knowledge to build upon our unique situation and enable partners to develop a collaborative pathway forward.

Marcus Kauffman - Resource Innovations, University of Oregon



Marcus Kauffman has extensive experience working with rural communities in the Pacific Northwest. His work focuses on developing public-private collaborations with rural communities to improve natural resource and economic development opportunities. He has developed collaboratives that have addressed ecosystem restoration, sustained yield units, community fire protection planning, stewardship contracting, and more recently woody biomass utilization.

Marcus is a long-time Oregonian. He was raised in rural southern Oregon where he worked in his father's post and pole construction and log furniture business. Among the many skills he learned from his father was horse-logging. He earned a bachelor's in international studies from the University of Oregon. He served in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic where he worked with community leaders to provide more potable water and coached a youth baseball team.

After the Peace Corps, Marcus worked in his hometown of Cave Junction, Oregon for two years with the AmeriCorps program. His efforts to develop sustainable businesses and eco-tourism opportunities helped him realize the complexity of the challenges rural communities face and the inadequacy of his training. He returned to University of Oregon where he earned a Master's of Community and Regional Planning with an emphasis on rural community development. Prior to joining Resource Innovations Marcus worked for Sustainable Northwest and the Watershed Research and Training Center.

Gareth Mayhead, Academic Coordinator - Forest Products, University of California Berkeley



Gareth has a Masters in Forest Industries Technology from the University of Wales, Bangor, UK. He worked for five years at the BioComposites Center, at the University of Wales, in a number of research roles, carrying out contract research and development in the utilization of natural fibers.

Five years were spent as a project manager at a community forest in the UK. This involved project development and management delivering support and assistance to the timber sector in North West England. Projects focused on utilization of waste wood, development of added value products, streamlining forest certification, biomass for energy, business and financial support tools.

He is currently Academic Coordinator for Forest Products within the Center for Forestry at the University of California Berkeley. In this role he works under a USDA Forest Service grant coordinating outreach in woody biomass and forest products issues in California, Oregon and Washington. He is an associate member of the Institute for Wood Science and Treasurer/Secretary for the Forest Products Society Pacific Southwest Section.

Nick Goulette - Deputy Director, Watershed Research and Training Center, Hayfork, CA



Nick's work centers around community-based and regional research into forest work contracting and wood utilization, coordinating local collaboration with the US Forest Service associated with forest restoration and fuel reduction activities, developing assistance programs for local contractors, and advocacy for national forest, energy, and development policies that benefit rural communities. Previously, he spent one year working in New York's Adirondack Park, northern New Hampshire, and western Maine marking timber sales and conducting forest inventory for a small private forestry firm. He earned a B.S. in Forestry from the University of Vermont (2004) with a concentration in Community-based Forestry. While in Vermont, he also worked as a Research Assistant for the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics studying characteristics of forest management planning in the state relative to ecological economic and sustainable forestry principles.