



# USFS Region 6 Social Science Forum

March 8, 2016 (8:30am – 4:30pm)

*Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon*

**Meeting Objectives:** This event responds to an increased emphasis on using social science to guide forest management decisions. For the first time in the history of the Pacific Northwest, we will create an opportunity for Forest Service managers to interact with a cadre of social scientists. Managers in attendance will learn how social science is conducted, how it can be used, and its limitations. Scientists will gain awareness of high priority information needs. Together, we will develop a research agenda to inform future landscape planning efforts, including plan revisions.

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## Final Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30 – 8:35	Welcome!	<i>Cheryl Ann Friesen, Science Liaison, Willamette National Forest</i>
8:35 – 8:50	Why we need to integrate social science into natural resource planning: my experience as a guy who crossed over from research to management.	<i>John Laurence, Retired USFS</i>
8:50 - 9:20	Let’s start the day with a success story!  The journey to go beyond the science of how ecosystems tick --- the human element.	<i>Stanley Asah, Associate Professor, University of Washington and John Allen, Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest Service</i>

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9:20 – 9:45	Social sciences unveiled: How do scientists explore a field so cross-cutting and many faceted?	<i>Cass Moseley, Research Professor and Director, Ecosystem Workforce Program, University of Oregon</i>
	<i>The following talks will briefly explore several realms of social science inquiry. The speakers will discuss what kinds of questions are researchable, how the info can be used, and examples of where it has been applied.</i>	
9:45 – 10:10	Studying the ethical dilemmas of natural resource management.	<i>Michael P. Nelson, Forest Ecosystems and Society, Oregon State University</i>
10:10 – 10:35	Studying how humans interact with natural resources.	<i>Troy Hall, Department Head, Forest Ecosystems and Society, Oregon State University</i>
10:35 – 10:50	Break	
10:50 – 11:15	Studying the public's expectations of Forest managers.	<i>Bruce Shindler, Professor Emeritus, Forest Ecosystems and Society, Oregon State University</i>
11:15 – 11:40	Studying methods for successful collaboration with the public.	<i>Emily Jane Davis, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Oregon State University</i>
11:40 – 12:05	Studying how to value natural resources, from traditional metrics to qualitative approaches of Ecosystem Services.	<i>Bob Deal, Research Forester and Ecosystem Services Team Leader, PNW Research Station, Portland and Nikola Smith, Ecologist, USFS, Region 6, State and Private Forestry and PNW Research Station</i>
12:05 – 1:15	Lunch on your own (see map for available eateries within walking distance)	

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	<i>The following are examples of successful integration of social science into management decisions</i>	
1:15 – 1:45	Mapping human values to guide landscape management decisions.	<i>Lee Cervený, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Seattle and Mike Schlafmann, Public Services Staff Officer, Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest</i>
1:45 – 2:25	Integrating social sciences into the Tongass National Forest Plan amendment.	<i>Jean Daniels, PNW Research Station, Portland; Nicole Grewe, R10 Economist</i>
2:25 – 3:35	Guiding the future of social science inquiry: what do we need to know?  <b>Includes A Break: Cookies! CHECK ATTENDEE LIST FOR YOUR BREAK-OUT ROOM ASSIGNMENT</b>	<i>This hour will include small group exercises where managers and social scientists will jointly identify researchable questions to guide future social science work.</i>
3:35 – 3:55	Summarizing Group Discussions	<i>Cheryl Friesen, Science Liaison</i>
3:55 – 4:15	Where to from here: transforming barriers into opportunities.	<i>Katherine Smith, Assistant Director, Pacific Northwest Research Station &amp; Stanley Asah, U of W</i>
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This workshop will be taped and available for future viewing on the Ecoshare Website, a product of the Region 6 Ecology Program (<http://ecoshare.info/>)

