

Addressing Community Concerns about the Ecological Impact of Biomass Removal from Forestland

Presented By
The Mendocino County Woody Biomass Working Group (WBWG)
& The Coastal Biomass Collaborative

You are invited to attend a community education and discussion session regarding the ecological impact of biomass removal in Mendocino County Forests. Three events will be held throughout the County:

Ft Bragg- Aug. 20th 5-7:30pm
County Library in Ft. Bragg, Community Room

Covelo- Aug. 21st 5-7:30 pm
Tribal Administration Building, Buffalo Room

Ukiah- Aug. 22nd 5-7:30pm
Grace Hudson Museum, Public Meeting Room

Background:

These meetings are a follow-up to a series of community events in 2009-10 hosted by the Mendocino County Woody Biomass Group (WBWG), where we solicited community concerns about biomass removal. The August 2013 meetings are in direct response to the primary concern of the community- overharvesting of biomass causing ecological harm to our forests.

Meeting Topics:

- *Ecological Assessment of Biomass Thinning in Coastal Forests- A Literature Review*, By Greg Giusti of the U.C. Cooperative Extension
- *Guidelines for Talking with Your Forester*, a tool to help forest landowners ensure ecological sustainability when removing biomass from their land- presented by Greg Giusti of U.C. Cooperative Extension
- *Current Initiatives- Small Scale Biomass Utilization*, a review of the projects that are being pursued in the County and how they are ecologically sustainable
 - Biochar Demonstration Project
 - 3MW Electricity Facilities
- *Community Discussion*, about the Literature Review and Projects in the County

Who Should Attend?

We are encouraging landowners, foresters, elected officials, county regulators, non-profit and conservation organizations, and representatives of environmental groups to attend.

Please RSVP to Judith@rffi.org to sign up for one of the events and to receive a copy of *Ecological Assessment of Biomass Thinning in Coastal Forests- A Literature Review* to read before the event.

