Research Chair Report

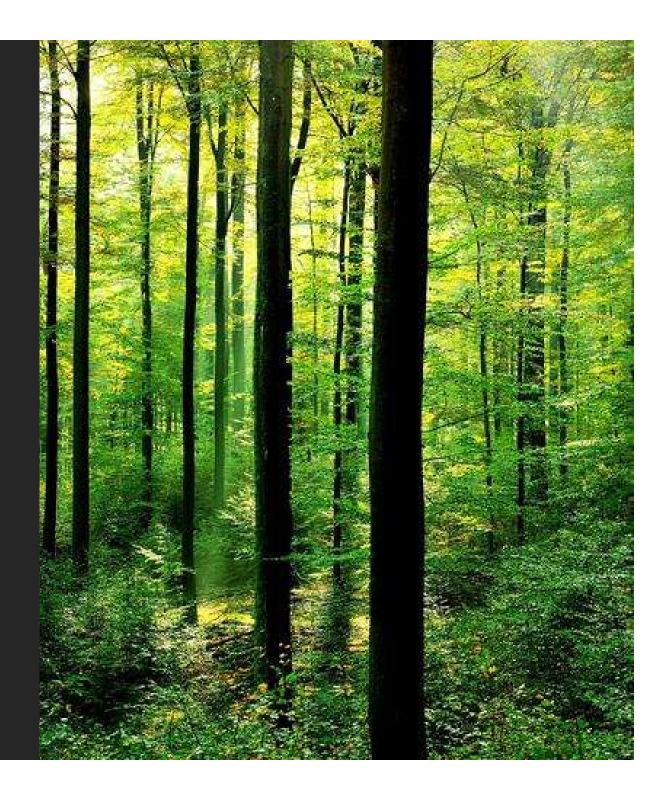
NAUFRP Executive Committee

Online Meeting

October 27-28, 2020

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NAUFRP RESEARCH CHAIR



Focused on Two Projects:

- 1. Organization of U.S. Forest and Forest Products R&D Capacity Summit.
- 2. Trends in forest research expertise over past four decades.

- Submitted for \$37K to AFRI for conference grant in November 2019
- Pls: Robert G. Wagner (Purdue University), Michael Goergen (U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities), and Red Baker (University of Florida).
- <u>Summit Goal</u>: Seek better way for federal, state, university, and private forestry organizations to cooperatively identify, communicate, coordinate, and advocate for U.S. forest and forest products R&D priorities, capacities, and funding.

- Grant funded in June 2020.
- Have one year to complete objectives.
- Keith Gilless (UC Berkeley) joined effort in March 2020.
- COVID-19 forced re-thinking of how to deliver Summit.
- Took pre-survey idea suggested by NAUFRP Exec
 Comm last March 2020 and shifted approach.

- Summit is now series of focus groups with stakeholders of U.S. forest and forest products R&D:
 - State Foresters
 - NIPF landowners
 - Industrial forest landowners
 - Wood product manufacturers
 - USFS National Forest Supervisors
 - ENGO leaders
 - USFS Research Station Directors
 - NAUFRP university leaders
 - Steering Committee of thought leaders across stakeholder groups

- Advertised for facilitator / social scientist to lead focus groups.
- Hired Dr. Emily Huff, Michigan State University.
- Team meeting weekly.
- Completed script of questions on benefits, outcomes, advocacy, priority setting, and collaborations related to forest and forest products R&D in the U.S.

- First focus group will be with State Foresters.
- Other sessions during late fall and winter.
- Preliminary results should be available at March 2021 NAUFRP meeting.
- Final written report with results will be produced.