



# Western Legislative Forestry Task Force

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## WHAT'S NEW



We've been working on significant administrative upgrades to the Western Legislative Forestry Task Force operations, and would like to invite you to take a look at our new website: [www.WLFTF.com](http://www.WLFTF.com) This is a great step towards improving our information flow for our members and includes recent related news, current members, events, mission statements, goals and a blog. We believe

this will assist our members in a much improved format to share ideas.

Please note that we in the process of acquiring WLFTF.org so that it will point to WLFTF.com Please make sure you are using the url with the .com

We have a new logo and we will include graphs so that you can use the logo easily on letterhead, emails, etc.

We have subscribed to an electronic forest and resource related news feed and will keep you updated on all new and pertinent articles.

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## WELCOME NEW WLFTF MEMBERS

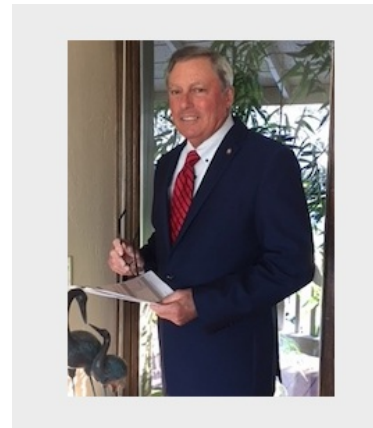


Welcome Senator Shelly Short from Washington and Senator Jim Woodward from Idaho

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## **DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

We're excited to "Go-Live" with our new website [www.WLFTF.com](http://www.WLFTF.com). We believe the new information available here will be helpful. We are now updating news and information on the site daily. We have a renewed energy within the Task Force and are proud to be part of it. We strive to give our members useful information and to provide a clearinghouse for your ideas as well.



Our recent work from the office has included contacting each member state and getting updated member information. You may find this current information useful if you need to contact a member of the WLFTF in another state.

We know our members are presently busy with their respective legislative sessions and will not burden you with information requests, however please feel free to contact us with anything you would like to share with the Task Force.

Finally, I would like to highlight one of our links on our website - American Forest Foundation, based in Washington, D.C. They are a good source of forestry related information across the U.S. and you may find specific research that interests you.

Please share this newsletter with your legislative leadership, and let us know if you would like anyone else included on our distribution list. We welcome your input!

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## ABOUT US

The Western Legislative Task Force (WLFTF) was created in 1974 by a group of legislators who recognized the need for coordinated action to address forestry policies in the West. Present members are 2 Senators and 2 House/Assembly members from the following states: Alaska, California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. WLFTF Chairmen are elected each year in a rotation of the states. Meetings are held at the members request and include an annual "summer" meeting in the state of the current Chairman. From time-to-time WLFTF members meet in Washington, D.C. to discuss policy issues at the national level.

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## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Each month we will feature a member state, their delegation, and current forestry/resource issues they have before them.

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## PNWER



A delegation from Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) is visiting states and provinces in their annual briefing of legislatures and government officials. The delegation led by Matt Morrison - PNWER CEO and Larry Doke - Minister of Saskatchewan Gov't Relations and PNWER President, made a presentation to the Idaho Senate Transportation Committee yesterday. Afterwards, Roger Seiber, Executive Director for WLFTF had an opportunity to visit with Matt and Larry about the WLFTF interest in sharing and coordinating forestry related information with PNWER members. We will extend an invitation to PNWER to attend our annual summer meeting.

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## SUMMER MEETING

Idaho is hosting the 2019 Annual Summer meeting which will highlight the "Good Neighbor Authority Agreement" policies between States and the USFS. Many other topics will be discussed and "on the ground" site visits will be part of the program. Also, at this meeting we will elect the 2019-2020 Chairman and Vice-Chair. The current order of chairmanships is as follows: Idaho, Alaska, Oregon, Washington and California. We are working on dates and locations and will let you know shortly for your planning purposes.

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