

Restoring rural communities through biomass utilization

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Integrated Biomass Utilization has been the holy grail of federal lands communities (those in and adjacent to National Forests and BLM lands) for over twenty years. With the advent of public policy changing for management for sustainable harvest of timber to maintenance of biodiversity, clean water, and clean air, federal lands communities have been innovators in collaboration, forest restoration, and multi-product campuses for biomass utilization. Case studies presented reveal the innovative partnerships, finance, products, and market combinations that have proven socially acceptable and economically viable in the redevelopment of federal lands communities.