



# Community forestry

*A primer on community forests and forestry in the US*

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# What matters in community forestry?

- Access to land and resources
- Participatory decision-making
- Sustainable resource management



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# A spectrum of practice

Community-  
based forestry

Community-  
owned forest



# Community-based

Wallowa County  
Natural Resource  
Advisory Committee,  
Oregon



- Collaborative watershed assessment
- Local workforce assessment
- Weed management program

# Community-controlled

Weaverville  
Community  
Forest,  
California

- Ten-year stewardship contracts with USFS and BLM
- County conservation district manages



# Community-owned

Randolph  
Community  
Forest, New  
Hampshire



- Town holds title through state conservation easement
- Private owner divesting

# Tradeoffs

- Wide or deep
- Influence versus power
- Ecological and economic impacts at scale



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# Key considerations



- Geography and condition
  - Alignment between desired activities and ownerships
  - Meaningful scale
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