

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 decisionmaking
- Sustainable resource
 management



A spectrum of practice

Communitybased forestry Communityowned forest



Community-based

Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee, Oregon



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

Community-controlled

• Ten-year stewardship contracts with USFS and BLM

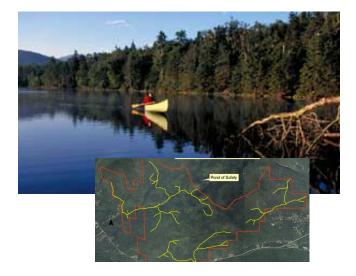
Weaverville Community Forest, California

• 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



Key considerations



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