

Introduction to IFWG Workshop
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Thank you for coming.

This workshop is one of a series of ongoing meetings and workshops by the Interagency Forest Working Group to:

- Assist the BOF and CAL FIRE in meeting both AB 32 GHG mitigation objectives and Climate Adaptation objectives
- Coordinate activities with other agency programs addressing the role of forest activities and forest products in climate and energy

This workshop is addressing two specific objectives developed by IFWG:

- Task 2: Determine the effect of State programs and regulations for meeting the AB 32 Scoping Plan Forest Sector target of 5 million metric tons - or no loss of current net sequestration benefits
- Task 3: Define sustainable woody biomass utilization for the purpose of sustainable biofuel production.

The purpose of the work shop is to:

- Provide an overview of how state and federal laws, regulations and programs state address carbon sequestration and sustainable biomass removal
- Identify and discuss with stakeholders gaps and potential improvements (regulatory, program administration and information)

We plan to have a workshop in the fall to review and discuss recent scientific and technical information about fire and fuels management and biomass removal effects on ecosystem sustainability. We will follow up these two workshops with a meeting to discuss gaps and consider recommendations for addressing them.