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Woody Biomass Removal Case Studies Lessons Learned and Strategies for Success

Forest managers remove woody biomass from forests for many reasons, including: reducing hazardous fuels, increasing fire safety in the wildland-urban interface, restoring ecosystems, improving wildlife habitat, conducting forest stand improvement, and providing products from poles to pellets. Managers across the country on public, tribal, conservation, and private lands have utilized a wide variety of strategies for removing biomass. To help share these strategies, the Joint Fire Sciences Program initiated two coordinated analyses of themes, strategies, and lessons learned from an examination of over 50 biomass removal case studies.

Two research teams, one led by the Forest Guild and another by the University of Minnesota, have collected and analyzed the case studies presented here so that managers, landowners, business entrepreneurs, communities, and industry partners can easily access information to help them remove and utilize woody biomass from forests in an efficient and ecologically responsible manner.

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- Forest Guild Project Report
Synthesis of Knowledge from Biomass Removal Case Studies (summary)

- University of Minnesota Project Report
Conventional Wisdoms of Woody Biomass Utilization
(summary)

Workshop Announcement:How to Heat with Woody Biomass in the Southwest, August 3–4, 2009