



Cedar River Watershed Tour and Wood Sourcing Workshop – Wednesday, September 11

Why attend:

The members of the US Green Building Council recently voted to approve a new version of LEED, the largest green building program in the world, which maintains a credit for use of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood. And the Living Building Challenge, the most rigorous benchmark of sustainability in the built environment, requires all new wood to be FSC certified. Builders, architects, developers, and chain-of-custody managers should attend this tour to learn about green building opportunities with FSC products and what this sourcing means for forests and Puget Sound watersheds.

Overview:

Join this tour for a rare opportunity to visit the City of Seattle's Cedar River Watershed, a 100,000 acre FSC certified forest that serves as the drinking water source for 1.4 million residents. Participants will explore the woods with trained experts to get a firsthand experience of responsible forest management, habitat restoration, and connectivity from forest to market. Forest cover and sustainable management are key forces in protecting watershed dynamics and the biological and economic health of Puget Sound. Following the interactive tour, a lunchtime presentation and Q&A about the timber supply chain will provide a distinct perspective on production, distribution, and sourcing opportunities. Participants will then engage in a hands-on workshop to improve the flow of FSC certified timber and grow the FSC market in the Northwest.

This tour has been approved for the following continuing education credits:

AIA - 7 LU | HSW
GBCI - 8 CE Hours

Schedule for Wednesday, September 11, 2013:

10:00am – Meet at the City of Seattle's Cedar River Watershed Education Center ([19901 Cedar Falls Rd SE, North Bend, WA 98045](http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/cedar-river-watershed-education-center))

10:15am-12:00pm – Tour of City of Seattle's Cedar River Watershed: an ecological thinning project

12:00-1:00pm – Lunch with presentation on the FSC supply chain and product sourcing

1:00-2:00pm – Advocacy workshop to help fill the current gaps in the chain-of-custody for FSC certified products and expand opportunities for the distribution of locally-sourced timber

Presenters:

- Amy LaBarge, Senior Forest Ecologist, Seattle Public Utilities, Watershed Services Division
- Kirk Hanson, Director of Northwest Certified Forestry, Northwest Natural Resource Group
- Brad Kahn, Communications Director, Forest Stewardship Council U.S.
- Stacia Miller, Policy & Advocacy Manager, Cascadia Green Building Council
- Ryan Temple, President, Sustainable Northwest Wood, Inc.
- Paul Vanderford, Chain-of-Custody Director, Sustainable Northwest

Price (includes lunch): \$40 per person

Register here: <http://cedarrivertour.eventbrite.com/>



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