

# NAUFRP Research Chair Report

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Since the last NAUFRP Executive Committee in March 2021, progress has continued in developing new ideas to address national challenges associated with forest and forest products R&D funding and capacity. We are currently focused on three projects:

### 1. Publishing results of 2020-21 U.S. Forest and Forest Products R&D Capacity Summit

A draft manuscript, led by Emily Huff, summarizing the results of the summit is currently being reviewed by the *Journal of Forestry*.

Huff, Emily S., Robert G. Wagner, J. Keith Gillless, and Michael Goergen. IN REVIEW. U.S. Forest and Forest Products Research & Development Capacity: Results from a 2020-21 Summit with National Leaders. *Journal of Forestry*.

### 2. Following up on recommendations from 2020-21 R&D Capacity Summit

Our summit organizing committee has continued following up on the results and recommendations from the 2020-21 R&D Summit. This effort includes two parallel efforts:

- a. Although the 2020-21 R&D Capacity Summit was able to demonstrate that there is strong agreement among national forest and forest products leaders about the top national priorities for U.S. forest and forest products R&D, there also was a strong recommendation to make sure that regional priorities are identified. As part of building on this recommendation, we are working now to develop a proposal to conduct a comprehensive national and regional survey of those managing forestlands and developing new forest products on what they believe are the highest priority forest and forest products challenges that need to be solved.
- b. Based on what we learned from the 2020-21 R&D Summit, *how do we develop better national mechanisms and approaches for cooperatively identifying, communicating, coordinating, and advocating for U.S. forest and forest products R&D priorities, capacities, and funding?*

A rough draft of a proposal for solutions and next steps was developed by our team and distributed to the NAUFRP Executive Committee in March.

Wagner, R.G., E.S. Huff, M. Goergen, and J. Keith Gillless. 2022. Stronger R&D Needed to Address Threats and Capture Opportunities for U.S. Forests and Forest Products. DRAFT presented to NAUFRP Executive Committee.

We are in the process of working with our original steering committee and identifying new members that may be interested in taking on this challenge. In the coming

weeks, Bob Wagner will be presenting the results of our efforts with the forest industry at the annual meeting of the Center for Advanced Forestry Systems. More information to come as this effort matures.

As always, we are seeking advice, feedback, and new participants in this effort. If you are interested in being part of this effort, please contact Bob Wagner at [rgwagner@purdue.edu](mailto:rgwagner@purdue.edu) or 207-949-4067.