



# NORTH AMERICAN FOREST COMMISSION

## THIRTIETH SESSION

Missoula, Montana, USA 9 - 12 September 2019

## REPORT OF THE RESILIENCY AD HOC WORKING GROUP

**PERIOD: September 2017 – July 2019**

### 1. WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION

Chairperson	Country	Organization
David Bengston	USA	US Forest Service, Northern Research Station
Members	Country	Organization
Marie-Annick Amyot	Canada	Natural Resources Canada
Francisco Jose Zamudio	Mexico	Universidad Autónoma Chapingo
Daniel Williams	USA	US Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station

### 2. LIST OF ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE PAST 2 YEARS

Meetings	Location	Date
Workshop at 29 <sup>th</sup> NAFC meeting	<i>Edmonton, Canada</i>	<i>18 Sept 2017</i>
Horizon scanning activity	<i>Online</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

#### ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

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- Foresight workshop at the 29<sup>th</sup> NAFC meeting in Edmonton, Alberta 18-22 September 2017.
  - Title of workshop: “Building Institutional Resiliency and Foresight Capacity for Federal Forest Agencies.”
  - Follow-up email and conference call discussions following the workshop
- Main current activity: Horizon scanning for “signals of change” relevant for the future of North American forestry
  - Part of the USFS Northern Research Station’s “Forest Futures Horizon Scanning Project” <https://www.fs.usda.gov/treearch/pubs/57939>

### 3. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (ongoing/new)
Ongoing “horizon scanning” to identify signals of change relevant for North American forests and federal forest agencies.	<i>Online</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
Side event for COFO 25 in July, 2020: “Strategic Foresight to Build Resilient Forest Organizations in a Turbulent World” (possible future activity)	<i>Rome</i>	<i>June 2020</i>	<i>New</i>

### 4. WORKING GROUP FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND/OR NETWORKING

Nothing to report.

### 5. REQUEST FOR FUNDING AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT

Possible side event for the COFO 25 in June, 2020. The side event could be a participatory activity such as (1) a Futures Wheel exercise on an emerging issue of high concern, (2) participants play the “IMPACT: Forest Foresight” board game, a “serious game” developed by USFS social scientists that teaches foresight thinking and broader perspectives on the future, or (3) a workshop about how to set up a “horizon scanning” system to identify emerging issues and trends that could affect the future of forestry and forestry organizations. Travel costs for at least two WG members would be required (about \$10,000).

### 6. CLOSING REMARKS

There are many opportunities for continued foresight work related to resilience, but it may be time to end this ad hoc group. We have been largely inactive since the departure of our Canadian co-chair Melissa Barros. She was an exceptional organizer and driving force for the group.