



Southwest Sustainable Forests Partnership

The Utilization Component of the Forest Health Equation

The Southwest Sustainable Forests Partnership

- Promotes health forests in the Southwest by developing and supporting sustainable, community and tribal-based forest and wood product enterprises
- Provides state and community-level action in support of local on-the-ground efforts to encourage ecologically sustainable and forest-based economic activity for forest industry members
- Embraces a technique of targeting rural entrepreneurs in key clusters in the Southwest



Building Capacity for Economic Sustainability

- 1** Finance workshops, seminars and conferences that contribute to creating sustainable, more efficient forest and wood product enterprises.
- 2** Finance travel assistance to other regional and national workshops for forestry/mill workers and business entrepreneurs, connecting with other to learn and build capacity.
- 3** Finance continued efforts for building renewable energy plants across the Southwest.
- 4** Provide technical assistance and Business Development Services to render business and marketing expertise opportunities for wood use to build sustainable forest and wood product enterprises.
- 5** Provide a Utilization & Marketing Specialist to render technical transfer opportunities that promotes the science of healthy forest ecosystems and the acceptable practice for reducing hazardous fuels.



Our clients are predominately small community-based enterprises, salt-of-the-earth, sawdust-in-the-veins people that do not have the financial and other resources that other larger companies possess.



What Makes Our Partnerships Successful?

- A LONG TERM SUPPLY OF WOOD
- DYNAMIC PARTNERS
- COMMITTED COMMUNITIES — A LOCAL CHAMPION TO SET THE TONE AND PACE
- DEDICATED BUSINESSES LED BY PATIENT RISK-TAKERS
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
- NEW PRODUCTS AND NEW MARKETS
- TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE
- COMMUNICATION AND NETWORKING — WORKSHOP AND TOURS





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