

# Forestry Breakout

- **Session Facilitators**
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- We have roughly 1.5 hours for the session and need to create a plenary report that reflects our discussion.
  - We'll start with a few examples of local/regional projects
  - Then ask you to briefly share about projects you are involved in and discuss the three forum questions.

# Forum Goal and Questions

- **Background.** Mayors and governors are developing climate change action plans. They are not waiting for the federal action (e.g., cap & trade or carbon tax legislation). Many of them are struggling with what should be in these plans, what they should be assuming about future weather and climate trends, and what the impact might be on their community and its infrastructure.
- **Forum Goal.** Identify things the UCAR community could do to help these local and regional decision makers.
- **Breakout Questions for Plenary Reports:**
  1. How are these projects working and what lessons have we learned?
  2. What can our community can do to assist these partnerships (e.g., models and other tools, better information, training opportunities, outreach, sharing ideas, etc.)?
  3. Can we help our nation deal more effectively with climate mitigation and adaptation by being more strategic with these partnerships (e.g., more coordination, creating packages of tools and information, creating common approaches to climate action plans, developing better communication tools, community strategic planning effort, etc.)?