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What do Practitioners need from Scientists and Policy Makers to do Their Job?

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Discussion Forum including practicing forestry professionals interested in resource management, policy makers, and scientists.

To many forest resource practitioners, some areas of policy appear to be based on incomplete science, studies from completely different ecosystems, or estimates based upon expert opinion. Conversely, scientists wonder why the results of their research and their knowledge are not implemented into policy. Policy makers often use “best available science” for planning purposes although there is rarely consensus on what that is. Why is everyone so often at cross purposes? In this 1½ hour FORUM, we will bring together practitioners, scientists, and policy makers to unravel the mysteries, and possibly identify more effective ways of meeting each others needs.