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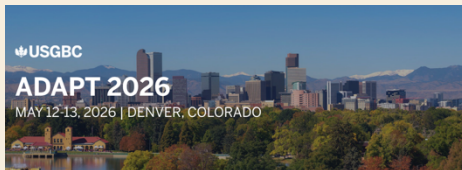


Quarterly Newsletter from *Source Verified Good Wood®* | *Spring 2026*

# The Quarter Round



## Upcoming Event Mark Your Calendar!



### 2026 USGBC ADAPT: Denver Conference, May 12-13.

May 12-13, 2026  
Denver, Colorado

With a focus on the growing impacts of climate change, population growth and extreme weather in the Midwest, Southwest and Mountain regions, ADAPT will explore scalable real-world strategies for building communities that are healthy, sustainable and future-ready. More information:

<https://usgbc.cventevents.com/event/ADAPT2026/summary>

### Stay Connected with GoodWood!

GoodWood® is now on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#). Follow us to learn how verified sourcing supports healthy forests, local economies, and sustainable wood industries.

### [Donate Here!](#)

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### Source Verified Good Wood® - An opportunity to put your name on what you believe.

Source Verified Good Wood offers an opportunity for individuals and businesses to align their name with their beliefs. Through source forest verification and tracking chain-of-custody, the GoodWood® program empowers its members to endorse something they truly stand for. We are a collaborative community of open-minded leaders committed to forest stewardship, community well-being, and local economies. GoodWood membership is open to anyone who shares this commitment! Our source-verified branding initiative is accessible and affordable, and we are also the only program that verifies wood from National Forest System lands.

Our **members** gain visibility for their products and their commitment to supporting forests and communities. Our **consumers** demonstrate support for healthier forests and mindful choices with each purchase. Together, we are a committed community finding harmony between forests and commerce. To become a member or find out more about *Source Verified Good Wood* and *GoodWood* products, please visit our website: [www.goodwoodverified.com](http://www.goodwoodverified.com).

GoodWood is eligible to accept donations to support our mission of *Creating healthier, more resilient forests through verification of sustainably harvested and managed products*. To join us in putting your name on what you believe in, make a donation today!

### A note from Rachel



As we move into spring, this edition of *The Quarter Round* highlights the growing momentum around forest restoration, biomass utilization, and the innovative partnerships helping to strengthen wood markets across New Mexico and the Southwest. This issue reflects how collaboration, investment, and new technologies are coming together to support healthier forests and more resilient communities.

We share recent activities and news, including the recognition of Pfeifer Studio as a recipient of a New Mexico Business Development & Expansion Grant, and updates on funding opportunities from the U.S. Forest Service to support forest products infrastructure and jobs. We also highlight ongoing conversations around biomass utilization and cross-boundary collaboration through the 2-3-2 Partnership. This edition also explores emerging opportunities, including the potential development of a biochar facility by Carbogenics in northern New Mexico.

We are excited to announce that work on the New Mexico Timber Grading program continues to move forward now with the assistance of an expert lumber grading trainer who will finalize a draft timber grading handbook and help with training curriculum.

Thank you to [Dovetail Partners](#), for assistance with this newsletter!

## Recent Activities & News

### **New Mexico invests \$241,000 in creative businesses through Business Development & Expansion Grant**

Congratulations to [Pfeifer Studio LLC](#) on being selected for a \$25,000 Business Development & Expansion Grant from the New Mexico Economic Development Department's Creative Industries Division.

Pfeifer Studio, a Source Verified GoodWood® member, will invest in a modern, high-performance website to expand online visibility, showcase craftsmanship, and reach new national and international markets. This investment supports skilled New Mexico jobs and strengthens long-term business sustainability.

### **U.S. Forest Service announces funding opportunity to strengthen forest products economy, forest sector jobs**

The U.S. Forest Service has announced up to \$95 million in grant funding to strengthen the forest products economy and support forest sector jobs through the Wood Innovations, Community Wood, and Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance programs. These grants aim to advance innovative wood uses, expand wood-based construction, grow renewable wood energy markets, and modernize or increase the capacity of wood processing facilities. The Forest Service Chief, Tom Shultz, emphasized the importance of a strong timber industry and that it is essential for active forest management, wildfire risk reduction, and economic stability in rural communities.

Eligible applicants include businesses, nonprofits, tribes, and local governments. Applications are **due April 22nd**. Full details are available [here](#).

### **U.S. Endowment Launches \$5 Million Funding Opportunity to Accelerate Wood Fiber Markets**

Eligible applicants include U.S.-based private, nonprofit organizations or institutes of higher education with demonstrated experience and a strong track record in wood products manufacturing, biomass utilization, business development, economic development or related fields. [Proposals are due by May 22, 2026.](#)

### **2-3-2 Cohesive strategy - Biomass Utilization meeting**

Rachel Wood attended a 2-3-2 Biomass Utilization meeting on February 24th in Espanola, New Mexico where partners discussed opportunities for expanding biomass utilization to support forest restoration, strengthen wood product markets, and improve economics of restoration projects. The group reviewed needs for infrastructure, supply chain gaps, and potential funding opportunities that could help advance biomass use across the region.

The 2-3-2 Cohesive Strategy Partnership is a cross-boundary collaborative working in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. The partnerships brings together agencies, nonprofits, tribes, and local organizations to coordinate projects that support resilient forests, healthy watersheds, and sustainable local economies across public and private lands. <https://232partnership.org/>

### **New report recently released by the Forest Stewards Guild and Croatan Institute titled: Landowner Participation in Carbon Dioxide Removal Credit Markets via Biochar**

This report describes great information on carbon offset credit and carbon dioxide removal (CDR) markets, along with background information on biochar – it's properties, production methods, production scale, and biochar-specific CDR options. How this all works for private landowners is a focus of the [report](#).

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*As a reminder, the use of Source Verified Good Wood® is recognized as a Sustainable Building Practice in the [Build Green New Mexico \(BGNM\)](#) certification program. There are four categories within the BGNM certification program: (1) energy efficiency, (2) water efficiency, (3) indoor air quality, and (4) sustainable practices. Points are possible if GoodWood verified materials are used in landscape areas (such as mulch) as well as in multiple rooms of a residential building by using vigas, beams, and posts. GoodWood recognition is stated in Practice #4.4.6 of the BGNM sustainability section.*

*Builders with BGNM Gold or Emerald certification, may be able to receive the transferrable [Sustainable Building Tax Credit \(SBTC\)](#) with tax credits of up to \$7,600 (Gold level) to \$12,000 (Emerald level). New Mexico is the only state to award sustainable building tax credits.*

## *Ponderosa Pine Utilization Summit Recap*

In November 2025, forestry leaders, industry representatives, and conservationists gathered in Flagstaff, Arizona for the Ponderosa Pine Utilization Summit. The summit was hosted by (CWSF) in collaboration with the Forest Stewards Guild and Hardigg Consulting.

The purpose of the summit was to address the challenges surrounding ponderosa pine management by exploring innovations and market opportunities, exchanging the latest research and emerging technologies, and developing strategies to address key challenges and opportunities in the ponderosa pine industry. From the Summit came the *Outcomes and Actions* report which captures the key findings and next steps identified during these discussions.

Ponderosa pine forests play an important role in the ecological and economic health in the west, but they face mounting challenges. Due to issues from severe wildfires, the decline of mills, and shrinking markets it's been difficult to manage these forests at scale. Participants from the summit emphasized that without viable markets restoration declines, fuel loads build and wildfire risk rises. The summit identified several priority challenges needed to be addressed to restore forest health and strengthen markets. These challenges include inconsistent timber supply, limited mill capacity, high transportation costs, and workforce shortages. Participants noted that growing the demand for ponderosa pine would solve the issues listed.



The possible approaches to increase demand for ponderosa pine includes long-term planning in landscapes that are already prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), combining funding from various sources, developing co-located wood processing facilities, turning leftover material into higher-valuable products, offering tax breaks and investment incentives to support infrastructure, building cooperative workforce training programs, and increasing marketing efforts for ponderosa pine. A field tour of the Restoration Forest Products Mill showcased what small-diameter utilization can look like.

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For GoodWood members, the Summit's findings convey a message that aligns with our experiences that sustainable forestry relies on stable and diverse markets. The challenges described in the report reflect many of the same barriers seen in areas where small-diameter timber is not fully used.

The [Ponderosa Pine Utilization Summit: Outcomes and Actions](#) report provides a roadmap for strengthening the ponderosa pine value chain.

## Carbogenics is Coming to the US

[Carbogenics](#) is an Edinburgh, Scotland based company specializing in developing biochar technologies. They are exploring the development of a new manufacturing facility the Village of Questa, located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Northern New Mexico. The company recently secured \$3 million in investment and grant funding from US and UK investors including support from New Mexico Gas and the New Mexico Economic Development Department to accelerate expansion in the US.

*Biochar is a modern technology that returns carbon to the soil in the form of long-lasting charcoal. It's made by baking biomass (such as tree wood, plants, manure, and other organic materials) without the oxygen that could cause it to burn completely to ash.*

Their plan is to take trees affected by wildfire and repurpose the material into products like Carbogenics' product CreChar. CreChar is an engineered form of carbon created by heating organic biochar at high temperatures in a low-oxygen environment. CreChar is produced from selected secondary biomass that would usually end up in landfills or burned. It is an engineered form of biochar designed for consistent, industrial performance. This will support biogas production, carbon sequestrations, assist in the recovery of the local forest ecosystems, and generate new markets thus creating new employment opportunities.

The area generates higher quantities of low-value woody biomass and shares a community focus on wildfire mitigation following years of severe fires. Carbogenics' mission is to "address the global biomass waste crisis, turning what is currently an environmental liability into a source of climate-positive impact and economic opportunity."

By committing to delivering verifiable, scalable carbon-removal solutions, Carbogenics demonstrates the kind of innovation that drives GoodWood's mission: to restore forest health and transform underutilized material into products that support rural economies and resilient landscapes.

## Home Show Booth

Rachel and the GoodWood® booth were at the 2026 Albuquerque Home Show February 28 – March 1, 2026, at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds. ABQ Home Shows LLC, hosts the bi-annual trade show in both the spring and fall and is the state's largest and best-attended home improvement event. Since the Santa Fe Area Home Builders Home Show did not take place this year due to a scheduling issue it was fortunate we could attend this vibrant, well-known and popular Albuquerque event.



GoodWood booth and visitor

In Albuquerque, numerous vendors and exhibitors from all aspects of the home and building industry were there to answer questions and connect with attendees and other exhibitors who

included builders, remodelers, home related manufacturers of flooring and furnishings, home energy system professionals, arborists, landscaping companies, and mulch and compost suppliers.

The GoodWood booth included displays of wood products from several GoodWood members (Pfeifer Studio, Silver Dollar Wood Products, Wholesale Timber & Viga, and Spotted Owl Timber) that drew high interest from visitors. A handout with photos, contact information, and products offered by each GoodWood member was distributed. Brochures, display boards, and more helped raise awareness of the need for forest restoration treatments and the importance of supporting our local wood producers.

For more information visit: <https://abqhomeshows.com>. The fall Albuquerque Home Show is October 17-18, 2026.

*We hope you've enjoyed this edition of the Quarter Round!*

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