

2023 William Main Seminar Series: Silviculture for Ecological and Alternative Objectives



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Collective Recovery; Building Social and Ecological Resiliency Through Reforestation

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Climate-smart reforestation in California is critical as the state has experienced unprecedented mega-fires in recent years. At the same time, bottlenecks along the reforestation pipeline, such as low stocks in state seed banks and workforce shortages, are inhibiting immediate actions necessary to restore these landscapes and avoid full-type conversion. Collective action and sustained funding across public, private, and tribal forestlands can help remove these bottlenecks. American Forests' landscape projects have started to prove this is the case. While this issue has been in the making for some time and climate science is being born and reborn every day – social science can be a key tool in thinking through how we address these issues on a local, regional and national scale.

Britta Dyer is the Senior Director of Landscapes Integration at American Forests, where she works as a social scientist to understand natural resources and resiliency challenges and find creative problem-solving tactics to create social, political and ecological on-the-ground change. Dyer has worked on forest health issues in California since 2009, serving in leadership positions for a regional nonprofit and local government before coming to American Forests. She currently serves on the Governor's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force. An AmeriCorps VISTA alumni, Dyer has a bachelor's degree in communications/public relations and a master's of natural resources from the Forest Ecosystems and Society program at Oregon State University.

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