



# Roundwood News

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## 2022 IRA Annual Meeting

Register now! The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual IRA meeting will be held in Missoula, Montana on March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Please make room reservations before March 1 by calling (406) 532-5300. When making reservations, make sure to mention you are attending the IRA meeting to get the special rate of \$104 a night.



Registration is \$15 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. You can register for the meeting online at: [wwpi.info/IRA2022](http://wwpi.info/IRA2022).

The link will also allow you to renew your IRA membership, be a sponsor for the event or sign up for an exhibit table during the meeting. If you are not able to make it, we encourage you to still renew your membership with the IRA.

The meeting kicks off on Wed., March 9, with a buffet dinner at the hotel from 6-9 pm. Koppers Performance Chemicals is sponsoring the dinner.

The annual meeting is set for Thurs., March 10, starting at 8 am. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Topics and Speakers are:

- Market and legislative update on Ag Industry by Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association
- Roundwood post and pole market study with USFS by Steve Courtney, The Beck Group
- Federal legislation and forest management by Nick Smith, Healthy Forests Healthy Communities
- Post and pole preservative migration research by Gerald Presley, Oregon State University
- Preserved infrastructure sustainability & safety by Dallin Brooks, Western Wood Preservers Institute
- Roundwood roundtable discussion on supply chain issues

# IRA Website

By Eric Wareham, IRA Executive Director



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## Quality Roundwood Products for Work, Play and Life

Welcome to the Intermountain Roundwood Association website.

The Intermountain Roundwood Association (IRA) represents firms engaged in the harvesting, production and marketing of roundwood and associated products, materials and supplies. Through education and training, we also help members and consumers stay current on industry trends and new advancements in wood products technology.

Here you'll find valuable information about treated and untreated wood fence posts and poles, log and fencing products for farm, ranch and home, fence gates and archways, livestock and corral posts, hand and deck railings, log and rustic furniture, guardrail posts, pole barns and gazebos, wood preservative, tree stakes and vineyard poles, and more.

### Real value of treated roundwood

Properly treated roundwood posts and poles are the preferred choice of the agricultural industry for fencing and other ranch and farm projects.

These materials are also popular for ranchette perimeter fencing, and are frequently specified by highway and park departments.

Preservative-treated posts and poles are strong, attractive, easy to install and feature a long service life. Properly treated wood is safe for the environment and utilizes sustainable, renewable resources to meet many agricultural and fencing needs.

Roundwood posts and poles are made from Aspen, Ponderosa Pine, Lodgepole Pine and Douglas fir timber. They are often manufactured from timber that is too small to cut into lumber products.



The IRA is working to incorporate more information about our industry and act as a centralized source of information for those looking for content about products and services of IRA members and information about the association.

There is a section with FAQs and even all our research reports for those inclined to really know about the industry. The website will also be a location where all newsletters will be posted, including all the back issues we could find, which might provide some nostalgia for those wanting to go back as far as 2005.

Visit [www.intermountainroundwood.org](http://www.intermountainroundwood.org) and take a look around!

## WWPI grant to study post, pole industry resumes

By Dallin Brooks, WWPI

Back in 2019 the U.S. Forest Service announced that WWPI received one of 35 Wood Innovations Grants for \$250,000 to study the preserved wood post and pole industry. With Covid-19 this project was put on hold.

It is now resuming and Steve Courtney from The Beck Group is reaching out to post and pole manufacturers to set up interviews to identify how they can better access roundwood resources and expand markets. Additionally, the industry interviews will be accompanied with the opportunity for federal, state and tribal forest managers to tour facilities and learn about value-added small diameter roundwood production.

If you want to participate, please contact Steve at [SteveC@beckgroupconsulting.com](mailto:SteveC@beckgroupconsulting.com)