

# Workshop Invitation

## Small Grower Harvesting Research Initiative

The Small and Medium Enterprise Committee of NZ Forest Owners Association has obtained funds from the NZ Forest Grower Levy Trust to initiate harvesting research for small-scale forest growers. The rationale for this is; roading, harvesting and transport can be 70-80% of the delivered cost of wood from small grower woodlots. These costs are rising rapidly. In areas that need forestry the most, such as remote hill country, high harvesting, roading and transport costs are likely to constrain further afforestation investment.

The first stage of the project is to investigate what ideas and interest there is to establish a research programme. Regional workshops are being organised at five locations around the country in August and September to engage with small growers, harvest managers, contractors, equipment developers and industry bodies to generate feedback and develop projects for research into small-scale grower harvesting, roading and transport systems.

Ideas and examples are sought that challenge traditional ways of harvesting small forest lots that might benefit from a focused research or development programme. These may include innovative use of new or re-designed harvesting equipment, multifunctional and versatile felling, bunching and extraction equipment, different approaches to log manufacturing and processing, transport systems, planning approaches etc.

You are invited to attend the workshop as advised in the accompanying email and propose any ideas that might lead to cost reductions or productivity gains. Please respond to the contact person and register to help manage numbers at the workshop. Thank you.

A workshop agenda is proposed as follows:

### Workshop Agenda

Session 1	Introduction and goals	John Schrider
Session 2	Past, Current, and Future harvesting research	Keith Raymond
Session 3	Facilitated Workshop and discussion	Graham West
	Harvesting	
	Roading	
	Transport	
	Supply chain	
	Other	
Session 4	Summarise workshop and develop action items	

Lunch and refreshments will be provided for workshop participants.

For further information related to workshop purpose and technical questions please contact:

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