

Special Issue

Forest Biomass Production and Transport Planning

Message from the Guest Editors

Forest biomass production strategies vary from full tree chipping of energy plantations to various levels of harvest residue utilization including small trees, tops, branches, and stumps. A barrier to effective use of forest biomass has been the high cost of collection and transport. This Special Issue of *Forests* is focused on forest biomass production and transport and methodologies (operational or policy driven) to reducing barriers to cost effective utilization of forest biomass. Research articles may focus on any aspect of forest biomass production and transport supply chain at the strategic, tactical, or operational planning level. Biomass production can be from energy plantations or forest harvest residues. Topics could include, but are not limited to, new decision support systems, improved systems for densification, methods for mitigating potential environmental impacts from biomass removal, improving equipment utilization, use of depots or transportable facilities, appropriate equipment selection, and the effect of policy instruments on operational costs.

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