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### **Biography**

Cece Headley started working in the woods as a tree-planter in 1978. She was a member of the Hoedads Forestry Contracting Cooperative throughout the 1980s and continued performing forestry contracts of all kinds until her retirement in 2013. She is one of the founders, and currently serves as board treasurer of the Northwest Forest Worker Center (NFWC), formerly known as the Alliance of Forest Workers and Harvesters. Founded in 1997, NFWC is a non-profit

organization that empowers forest workers and harvester of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) to improve their lives and livelihoods, and promotes equity in the sustainable stewardship of forest lands.

Over the years Cece has also served on numerous local, regional, and national boards, committees, and working groups representing and advocating for forest workers and NTFP harvesters. Her efforts have been guided by a sense of duty to empower other forest workers and create opportunities for folks who see working in the forest as their life's work. She is the mother of three grown children and lives in Eugene, Oregon with her husband, Laurance.

### **Position Statement**

I spent decades in the Pacific Northwest woods, and had the unique opportunity to observe and participate in ever changing forest management. I have also spent the last 20 years involved in forest policy as a forest workers' advocate on the local, regional, and national level. I have worked to act as a bridge between mainstream and government organizations and the "on the ground" forest workers. This experience has led me to see the position of forest workers as the nexus of all three chambers of FSC: economic, environmental, and social. We depend on all three to retain our jobs, integrity, and dignity.

I would like to bring to FSC US the often underrepresented perspective and experiences of those workers who implement forest management on the ground, the hands that touch the earth. As a board member, I would help the organization strengthen and actualize its commitment to PRINCIPLE #4: COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND WORKER'S RIGHTS. This includes the commitment to multiculturalism and respect for workers embodied in the Northwest Forest Worker Center's vision. That vision is of a forest sector that treats forest workers and harvesters with dignity and fairness regardless of cultural background, country of origin, immigration status, race, gender or any other social category; permits workers and harvesters to participate in decisions that directly affect their lives and livelihoods; respects the skill and ecological knowledge workers and harvesters contribute to forest stewardship; and restores and/or maintains forest health.