

## **Utilities & Vegetation Management in North America: Results from a 2019 Utility Forestry Census of Tree Activities & Operations**

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### **Description of Presentation**

Join us for an update to the current baseline of utility forestry management. How do you compare to your peers in utility vegetation management? Learn about approaches to safety, line clearance distances, rates of pay for employees, and more. We will also delve into the many ways that integrated vegetation management is incorporated into operations. There is virtually no reason not to join us virtually to learn more about the current state of utility forestry.

### **Speaker Bio**

**Randy Miller** is Director of Research and Development. He joined CNUC in 2017 when he retired after 23 years at PacifiCorp, the last 18 of which as System Forester/Director of Vegetation Management. Randy is past Chair of the TREE Fund Board of Trustees, past President of the Utility Arborist Association and twice Chair of the Edison Electric Institute Vegetation Management Task Force. Randy is the 2005 ISA R.W. Harris Author's Citation award winner. Among his 80 writing credits are the ISA's Integrated Vegetation and, as coauthor, of the Utility Specialist Certification Study Guide. He speaks widely on arboricultural topics.

**Richard Hauer** is a Professor of Urban Forestry at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point teaching courses in urban & community forestry, nursery management, woody plants, dendrology, and introduction to forestry. Rich has conducted research in tree biology, urban forest management, emerald ash borer management, trees and construction, tree risk management, and ice storms. He received the 2018 L.C. Chadwick Award for Arboricultural Research. He has published over 150 publications and presented over 400 talks throughout the world.