Interactive Poster: Perceived Risks of Wood Pellet Production in the Southeastern US

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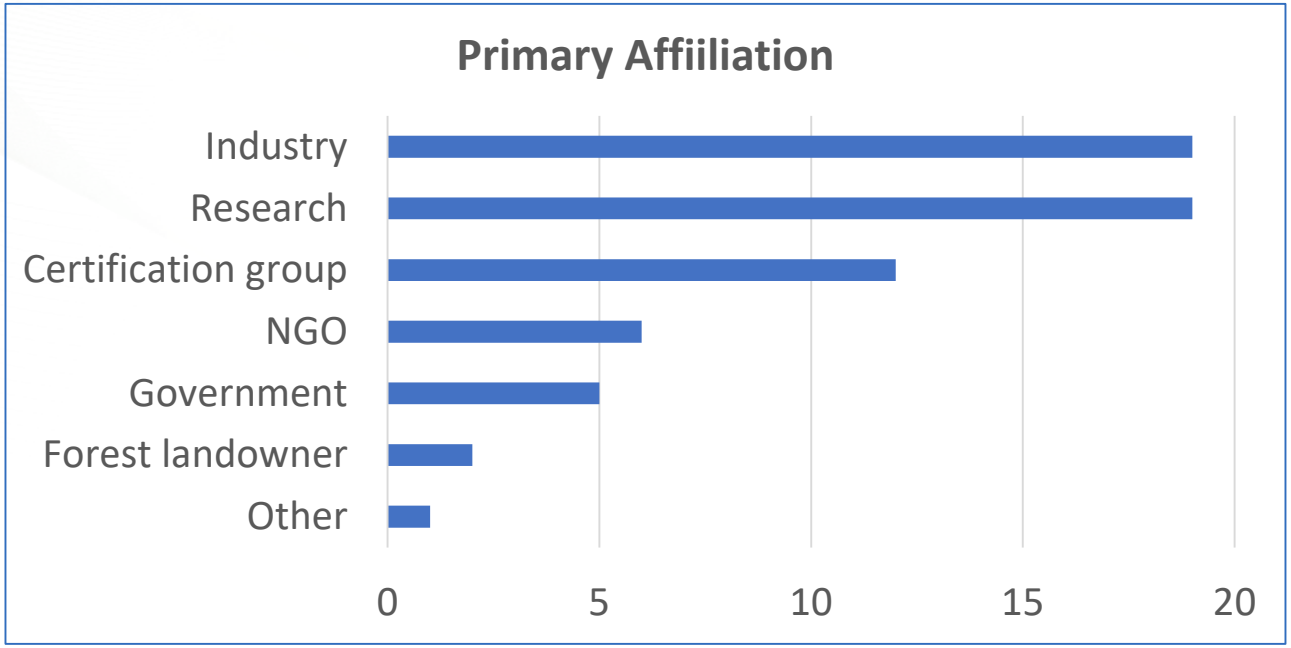
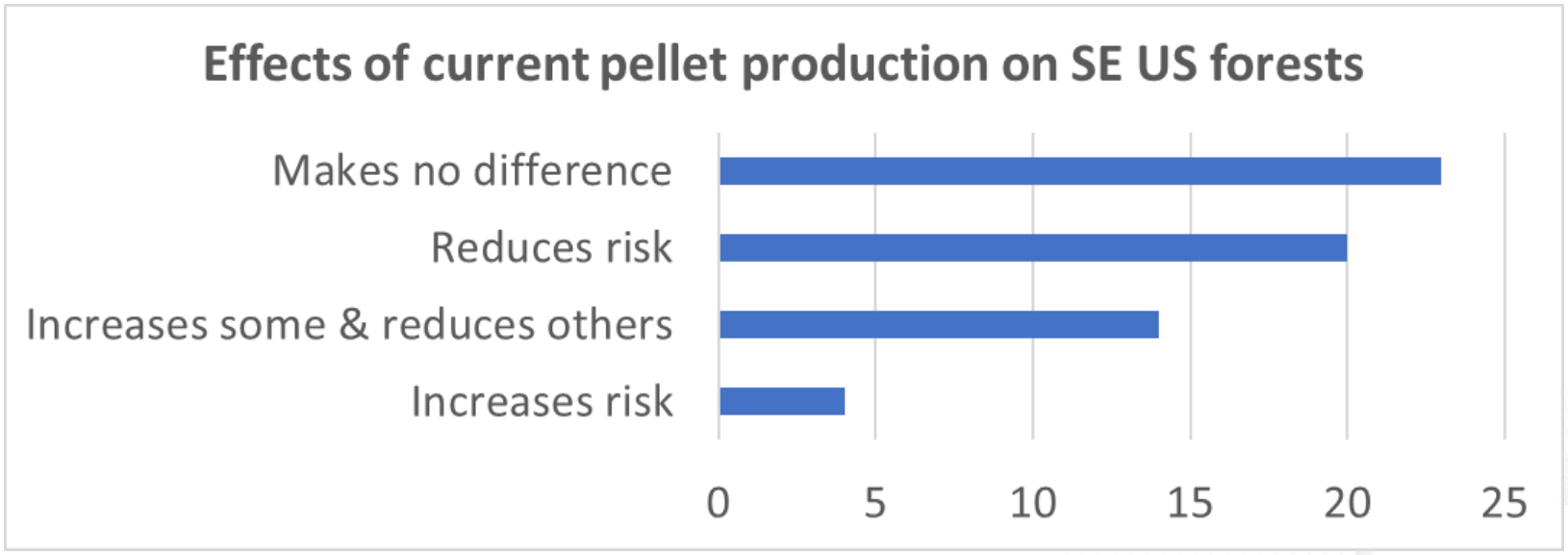
Responses to questionnaire





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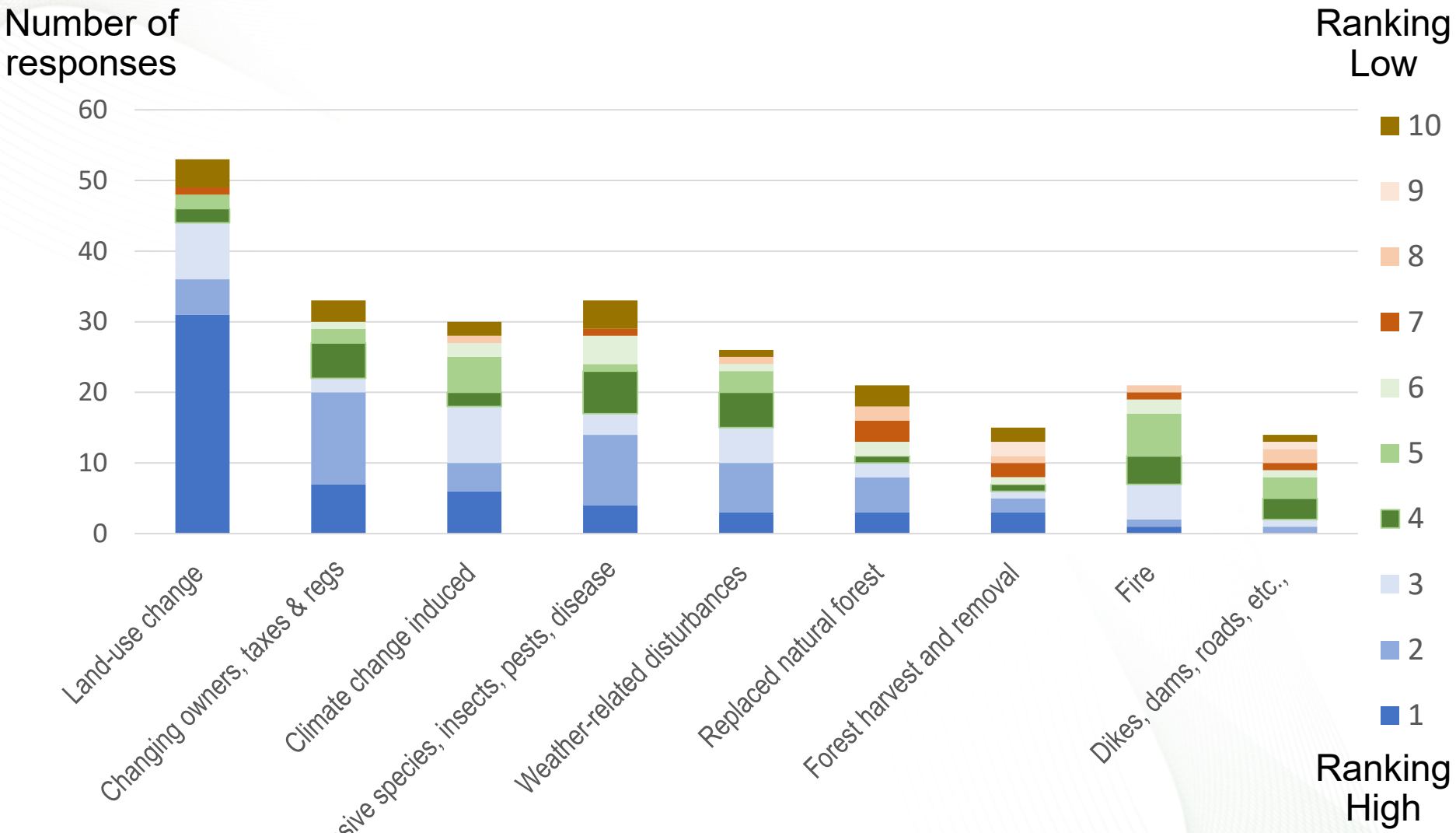
Risks to SE Forests in the Next 10-20 Years (as reported by workshop participants)



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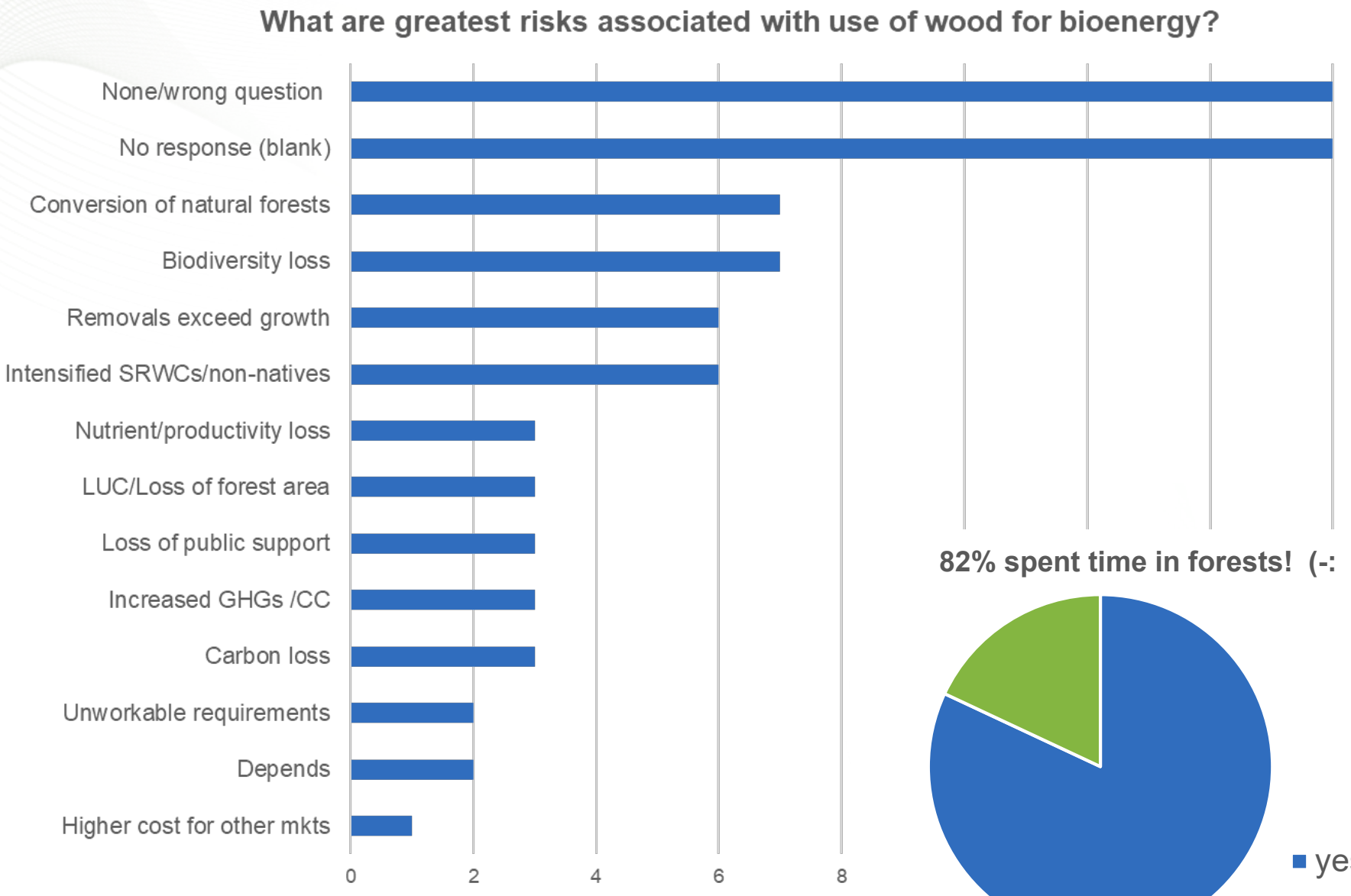

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Premise: addressing risks of using forest biomass for energy requires an understanding of perceived risks to forests

- **What is the evidence & analysis needed to**
  - Verify extent, intensity, times & locations for risks
  - Characterize trends and causal drivers for risks
  - Consider how pellet production interacts with these factors

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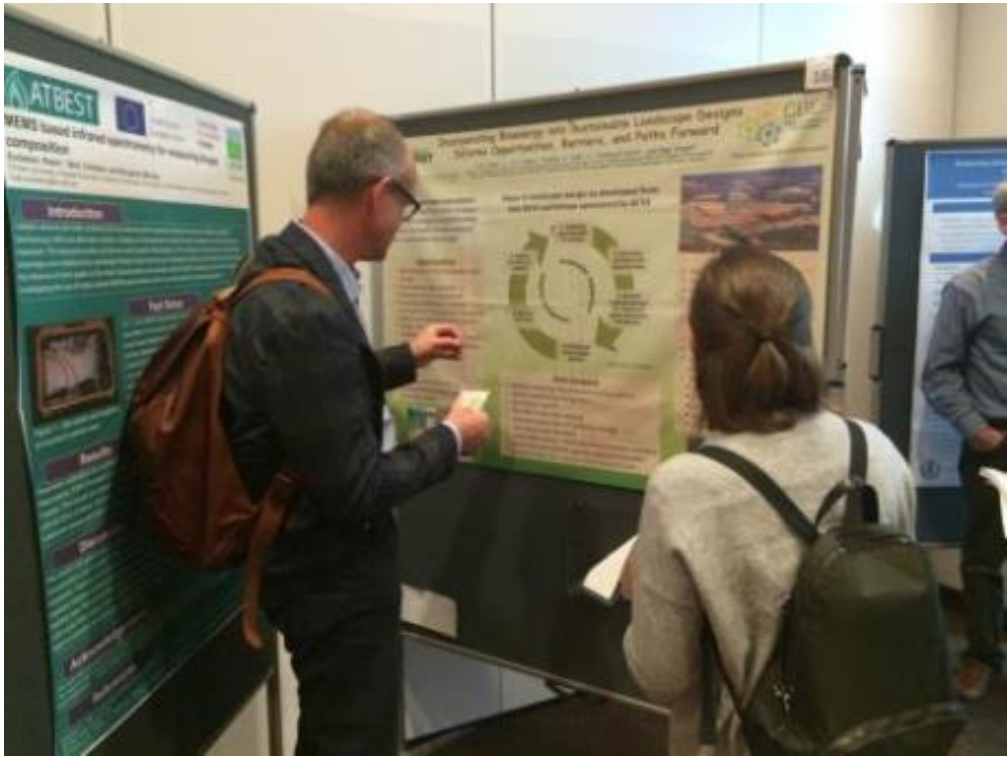
Diverse means can be used to learn about perceived risks

- **Literature reviews**
- **Polls & 3rd party surveys**
- **Legal proceedings**
- **Focus group meetings**
- **Interactive posters…**



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Poster sessions promote discussion

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“Interactive” means that you contribute:

- Discuss issues
- Apply sticky dots
- Add comments and ideas to poster

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Potential Risks from Bioenergy Production

Risks are negative, but effects could be positive

- Air quality degradation
- Higher cost to other forest sectors (e.g. pulp)
- Increase in greenhouse gas emissions
- Loss of biodiversity **(saprophytes compromised)**
- Loss of hardwood & mixed forests
- Loss of long-term forest productivity
- Loss of soil carbon / decline in soil quality (**dead wood removal**)
- Loss of total forest area
- Recreation & scenic value decline
- **Removals exceed growth rates**
- Water quality degradation
- **Social discord over forest management, loss of public support**
- _____ (Others - please add)

New risks identified by participants are shown in blue

IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL RISKS FROM BIOENERGY PRODUCTION: AN INTERACTIVE POSTER

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Indicate your perspective on risk by placing one dot (red, green or blue) for each row (risk) in this column

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Indicate other factors influencing each risk

Other Factors
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2. Climate-change
3. Expanding protected areas
4. Dams, roads, developments
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Identify sources of evidence

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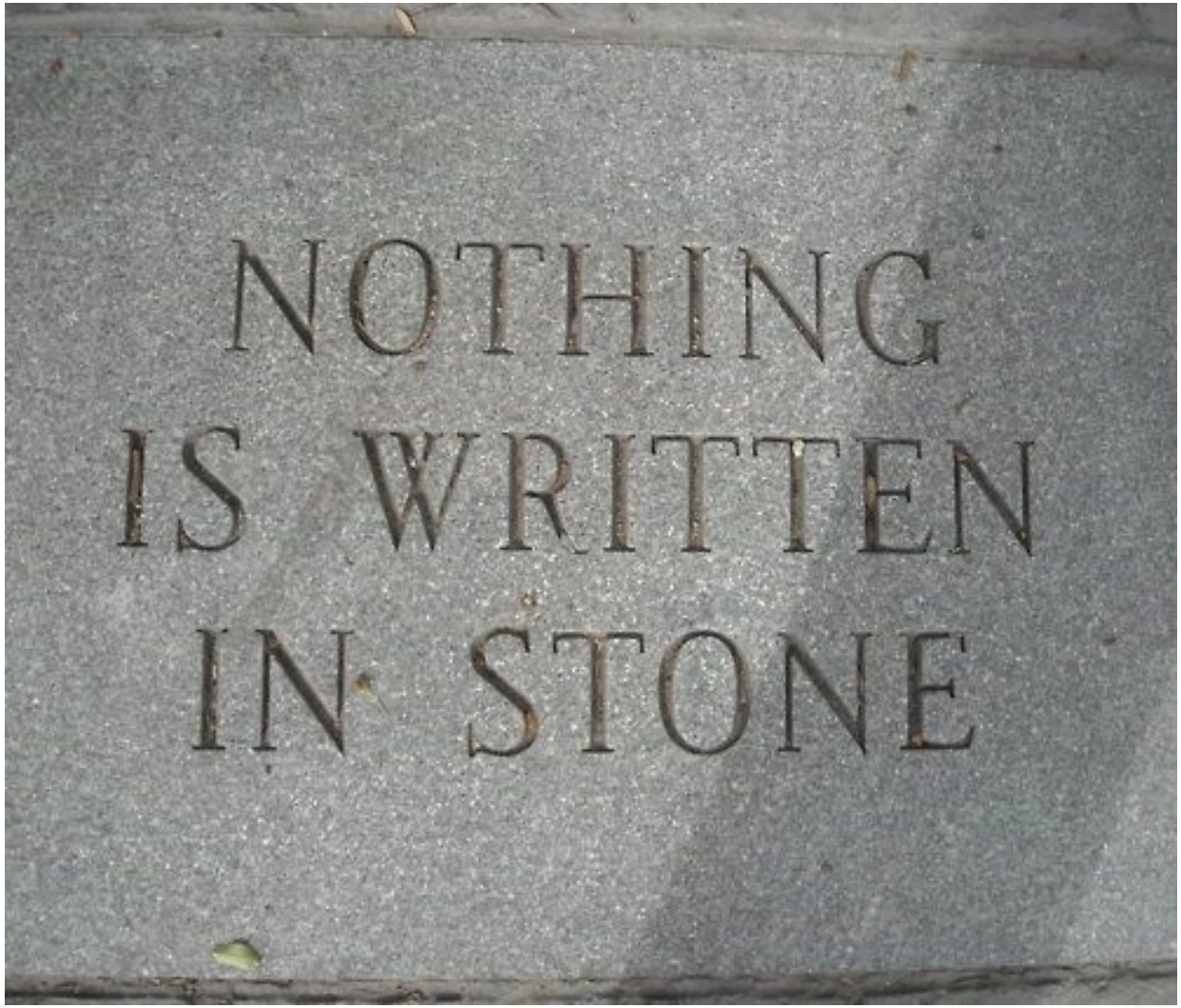
All ideas are welcome - so have fun!



Ask questions and discuss issues

Summary of poster instructions

- 1. Risks you perceive. One dot for each risk/row:
  - Green dot: risk can be mitigated by sourcing wood for bioenergy from SE forests
  - Blue dot: there is no significant risk
  - Red dot: risk will be exacerbated by sourcing wood for bioenergy from SE forests.
- 2. Other factors influencing this risk (insert number per the adjacent list or add new factor)
- 3. Evidence supporting your belief about how bioenergy affects risks
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