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Andy's work focuses on natural resource-based economic development. He employs economic approaches to help decision makers identify, quantify and capture the wealth of nature. Nature-based economic development solutions improve the efficiency of resource management and benefit human well-being by identifying hidden costs as well as unexplored opportunities. His recent research and outreach efforts include the economics of: agricultural land preservation and rural/agricultural land use planning, recreation and tourism management, oil and gas, climate change vulnerability, and forest landscape restoration. Andrew has been active in national and international policy formation and training including: the US Farm Bill (Conservation title); the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Strategic Plan and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP); the UN Development Program's biodiversity finance initiative (BIOFIN); an International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) project supported by the German government (GIZ) addressing natural capital dependence and environmental mainstreaming in the Pacific (MACBIO); And the UN Convention on Sustainable Development (CSD), focusing on green economy and environmental mainstreaming issues.