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**GREEN DIAMOND RESOURCE COMPANY ANNOUNCES CARBON TEAM HIRES AS PART OF ITS  
LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT**

*The expert, experienced team is part of the company's focus on natural climate solutions.*

**SEATTLE, Wash.** (Nov. 11, 2024) – Green Diamond Resource Company, a family-owned, Seattle-based forest landowner and manager, this month announced several new hires to bolster the company's ability to execute and expand its long-term carbon sequestration projects while continuing sustainable forest management for which the company is known.

“As a company, we are committed to being leaders in forestland management and supporting innovative approaches. Our team of smart and talented carbon professionals represents that commitment and our continued promise to be a trusted land steward for generations to come,” said Dave Walters, vice president of acquisitions and business development for Green Diamond Resource Company. “We know the demand for long-lived forest products will continue to grow and we are committed to providing those products while also creating long-term value across our landscapes.”

The carbon team consists of four full-time professionals with nearly three decades of experience planning and executing carbon projects. This work aims to help forest landowners like Green Diamond support corporate carbon reduction goals and supply sustainable forest products that build structures and economies across America.

“I’m proud to be part of a family-owned company that has values I respect,” said Michael Hoe, senior forest carbon analyst. “I have been part of auditing in the carbon space for eight years and I know that proactive forestland management is the solution for not only addressing our changing climate but also changing the perception of the value of sustainable and responsible forestland management.”

Shana Leshko, climate solutions business development manager, echoed Hoe and added that her goal in her new role is to make a difference in addressing climate change on a landscape scale.

“Green Diamond is one of the five largest private landowners in the nation, with more than two million acres under their management. This scale gives our team the ability to be creative and strategic with large carbon projects and other opportunities as they arise,” Leshko said. “We have a leadership team that supports our work and their willingness to take a long-term view to forest stewardship is a great match for forest carbon projects.”

Maneesha Jayasuriya, Forest Carbon Projects Manager, explained how her experience in compliance carbon project management along with her expertise in forest resources management is a critical part of the overall goals of Green Diamond’s carbon sequestration and long-term forestland management.

“Sustainable forestland management is essential to being part of overall carbon emissions reduction efforts. Forest carbon projects serve as an accounting mechanism to recognize the diverse ecosystem services and benefits that these landscapes provide. As private timberland owners, we are committed to preserving these forests for future generations, ensuring they remain forested for centuries to come,” Jayasuriya said. “It’s exciting to be part of a company committed to studying and putting into practice strategies that balance standing forest values and the benefits of carbon sequestration and healthy fish and wildlife habitat that are integral in addressing climate change today and tomorrow.”

The fourth member of the Carbon Team, Kiersten Dallstream, moved from a GIS role into a forest carbon analyst position in 2023.

Walters said he and this team are focused on supporting the company’s legacy of sustainable forestry and forestland stewardship that has been successful for six generations.

#### **ABOUT GREEN DIAMOND RESOURCE COMPANY**

*Green Diamond Resource Company is a privately held forest products company with roots dating back to 1890. Today, the company owns working forest lands in Washington, Oregon, Montana, and California. A subsidiary, Green Diamond Management Company, provides forest management services in the U.S. South and West. All lands owned and managed by Green Diamond are independently audited and certified for sustainable forest management. More information about Green Diamond's environmental leadership may be found at [www.greendiamond.com](http://www.greendiamond.com).*

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