



2024 WFLC & CWSF Fall Meeting

November 5-7, 2024 | Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown | Missoula, MT

Tuesday, November 5 Western Forestry Leadership Coalition Meeting	
Attendees: Western State and Pacific Island Foresters and Senior Staff, USDA Forest Service WFLC Members and Washington Office Leaders, and Invited Partners	
Attire: Business Casual	
Meeting Room: Garden City Parlor ABC	
7:00 - 7:50 a.m.	Breakfast (Provided, Big Sky Atrium)
8:00 - 8:20 a.m.	Welcome, Agenda Preview, and Introductions <i>Michiko Martin (USFS, WFLC Co-Lead) and John Erixson (NE, WFLC Co-Lead)</i>
8:20 - 8:50 a.m.	Local Welcome <i>Shawn Thomas (MT) and Leanne Marten (USFS)</i>
8:50 - 9:50 a.m.	Examining Opportunities for Bureau of Land Management and WFLC Partnership <i>Sonya Germann (Montana/Dakotas State Director for the Bureau of Land Management)</i>
9:50 - 10:20 a.m.	Break
10:20 - 11:30 a.m.	USDA Forest Service Keynote <i>John Crockett (USDA Forest Service Deputy Chief of State, Private, and Tribal Forestry)</i>
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Provided)
1:00 - 2:45 p.m.	Western Forest Service and State Partner Discussions Break-out groups of USDA Forest Service and state personnel from each Western USDA Forest Service Region (States in more than one region, please select one discussion to attend; other partners – free time).
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	Reflections from Western Forest Service and State Partners Discussion Facilitated group discussion about topics examined during the USDA Forest Service and state partner discussions. Are there important reflections that all members should hear? Where are there opportunities to partner together? With potential budget challenges ahead, how can we prioritize together?
3:15 - 3:45 p.m.	Break



3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	<p>Policy Update <i>Neil Simpson (CWSF/WFLC)</i></p> <p>The CWSF/WFLC Director of Policy will share recent national policy activities impacting CWSF/WFLC member priorities, updates on 2024 election items, and possible opportunities during the lame-duck session.</p>
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	<p>Wrap-up and Day’s Adjournment <i>Michiko Martin (USFS, WFLC Co-Lead) and John Erixson (NE, WFLC Co-Lead)</i></p>
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	<p>Reception (Big Sky Atrium)</p> <p>The reception will include the start of a two-part USDA Forest Service Research & Development (R&D) interactive session showcasing applied science research relevant to WFLC and its members. WFLC members will have the opportunity to start conversations with R&D experts about their research, which will continue following the field tour on Wednesday morning.</p>

<p>Wednesday, November 6 Western Forestry Leadership Coalition Meeting</p> <p>Attendees: Western State and Pacific Island Foresters and Senior Staff, USDA Forest Service WFLC Members and Washington Office Leaders, and Invited Partners</p> <p>Attire: Business Casual</p> <p>Meeting Room: Garden City Parlor ABC</p>	
7:00 - 7:50 a.m.	<p>Breakfast (Provided, Big Sky Atrium)</p>
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	<p>Board Field Tour Buses and Depart on Field Tour</p> <p>Following breakfast, WFLC field tour attendees will board field tour buses to visit the Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC) Campus. Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. to board the buses.</p>
8:15 - 10:30 a.m.	<p>Field Tour to Montana DNRC Campus <i>Michael Butts (MT DNRC Nursery Manager), Jay Lindgren (MT DNRC Air Ops Program Manager), and A.J. Angelo (MT DNRC Equipment Development & Communications Center Program Manager)</i></p> <p>Meeting attendees will learn about the Montana DNRC Conservation Seedling Nursery, DNRC’s Aviation Program, and Federal Excess Property Program. Meeting attendees will break into three groups and rotate between the topics, hearing from DNRC representatives and partners. The field tour will conclude at 10:15 a.m.</p>



<p>10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>USDA Forest Service Research & Development Interactive Session Upon returning from the field tour, meeting attendees will engage in a continued USDA Forest Service R&D interactive session that showcases applied science research relevant to WFLC and its members. <i>Please note that part of this session overlaps with the beginning of lunch.</i></p>
<p>11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Lunch (Provided)</p>
<p>12:30 - 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Partnering with USDA Forest Service Research Following the interactive sessions highlighting examples of recent R&D work, WFLC members will engage in a dialogue to explore R&D alignment with WFLC priorities, ideas for future research that supports states and regions, and additional ways that R&D can help WFLC members.</p>
<p>1:30 - 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Reforestation Needs Across Western States and Regions <i>Karl Dalla Rosa (USFS)</i> This session will focus on the shifting and growing reforestation needs across western states, highlighting the role of the RNGR program in supporting nurseries and providing technical assistance. It will share the impacts of recent federal investments on reforestation priorities and discuss the increasing demand for seedlings. Participants will also learn about new resources and upcoming strategic plans and discuss ways WFLC members can collaborate to advance the program’s goals.</p>
<p>2:30 - 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>3:00 - 4:15 p.m.</p>	<p>CWSF/WFLC Committee Accomplishments and Work Plan Approval <i>Committee chairs/representatives and CWSF/WFLC Staff Liaisons</i> CWSF/WFLC committee chairs will present short updates to CWSF/WFLC members about their respective committees’ accomplishments from the 2024 work plans, discuss proposed actions and tasks for 2025, and dialogue with members about key priorities and issues to maintain alignment with CWSF/WFLC member interests. This session will include the following committees: Urban and Community Forestry, Good Neighbor Authority, Forest Health, and Pacific Islands Forestry Committee.</p>
<p>4:15 - 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Member Perspectives and Reflections from WFLC 2024 Fall Meeting WFLC meeting attendees will have the opportunity to share perspectives and reflections from the two days of topics and discussions. Are there common themes, areas of opportunity, or future discussion ideas?</p>
<p>4:45 - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Meeting Wrap-up and Adjournment <i>Michiko Martin (USFS, WFLC Co-Lead) and John Erixson (NE, WFLC Co-Lead)</i></p>



6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	<p>Optional Offsite Event: Dinner at the University of Montana Stadium Club <i>Please note that pre-registration for this event was required.</i> The University of Montana Stadium Club is at 32 Campus Drive.</p>
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<p>Thursday, November 7 Council of Western State Foresters Meeting and separate Western Forest Service Leaders Meeting</p> <p>Attire: Business Casual</p>		
7:00 - 7:50 a.m.	<p>Breakfast (Provided, Big Sky Atrium) <i>All Attendees</i></p>	
	<p>CWSF Meeting Garden City Parlor ABC</p> <p>Attendees: Western State and Pacific Island Foresters and senior staff; State Forester associations’ staff and representatives (CWSF and NASF); and invited partners</p>	<p>Western Forest Service Leaders Meeting Montana Boardroom (RF) and Garden City Parlor D (SPTF)</p> <p>Attendees: USDA Forest Service WFLC Members and Washington Office Leaders</p>
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	<p>Morning Welcome and Agenda Overview <i>John Erixson (NE, CWSF Chair) and Danielle Okst (CWSF)</i></p>	<p>During this time, WFLC federal members will meet separately for western USDA Forest Service business.</p>
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	<p>CWSF Committee Work Plans <i>Committee chairs/representatives and CWSF Staff Liaisons</i></p> <p>CWSF committee chairs will present short updates to CWSF members about their respective committees’ 2024 work plans, discuss proposed actions and tasks for 2025, and dialogue with members about key priorities and issues to maintain alignment with CWSF member interests. This session will include the following committees: Forest Products, Stewardship, and Western State Fire Managers.</p>	



9:15 - 9:45 a.m.	NASF Updates <i>Patty Cormier (NASF President, ME)</i> An NASF team member will share recent activities and updates on priority issues to state forestry agencies across the nation.	
9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	State Forester Lightning Round CWSF members or their designees will share 3 to 5 minutes of remarks in response to questions regarding forestry priorities within their state.	
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Break <i>All Attendees</i>	
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	State Forester Lightning Round CWSF members or their designees will share 3 to 5 minutes of remarks in response to questions regarding forestry priorities within their state.	USDA Forest Service business
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Emerging Issues Across the West	
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Provided) <i>All Attendees</i>	
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Emerging Issues Across the West	USDA Forest Service business
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Break <i>All Attendees</i>	
3:30 - 4:45 p.m.	Business Session (closed)	USDA Forest Service business
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	Wrap-up and Meeting Adjournment <i>John Erixson (NE, CWSF Chair) and Danielle Okst (CWSF)</i>	