



## DRAFT 2024 CWSF Forest Health Committee Annual Meeting

October 1-3, 2024 | Arizona Industrial Commission Building | Phoenix, AZ

**Location:** The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held at the Arizona Industrial Commission Building. Tuesday, October 1 and Wednesday, October 2 the meeting will be located in the Auditorium. For Thursday, October 3, the meeting will be located in the Basement. There is no hotel room block for the 2024 Annual Meeting. Attendees have a list of hotel options to choose from (please see the registration email for more details).

**Meeting Attendees:**

- **Day 1:** CWSF Forest Health Committee (FHC) members, CWSF staff, and invited speakers.
- **Day 2 and 3:** CWSF FHC members, Western USDA Forest Service Forest Health Program representatives, CWSF staff, and invited speakers.

<b>Tuesday, October 1</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b> CWSF FHC members, CWSF staff, and invited speakers.	
<b>Meeting Room:</b> Auditorium	
<b>Attire:</b> Business Casual	
Breakfast	<b>On Your Own</b>
8:00 - 8:20 a.m.	<b>Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Preview</b> <i>Aly McAlexander (Chair, AZ)</i>
8:20 - 8:45 a.m.	<b>Welcome from Arizona Department of Forestry &amp; Fire Management</b> <i>Tom Torres (AZ State Forester)</i>
8:45 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Lightning Round: Understanding Western State Forestry Agencies Forest Health Programs</b> <i>Tony Seidl (SD)</i> CWSF FHC members will each share a brief 3-4 minute operations overview of the Forest Health Program within their state forestry agency. This may include information about program location within the agency, staffing, funding, key partners, core issue areas, and more.
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Understanding Forest Health Program Reporting Requirements &amp; Best Practices</b> <i>Harrison Brookes (WY)</i> Several CWSF FHC members will provide short presentations detailing how their state forestry agency tackles state and federal Forest Health Program reporting



	<p>requirements, followed by a brief Q&amp;A. A CWSF FHC representative will then lead committee members through a series of reporting-related questions with the intent to share information, support peer-learning, and identify possible best practices for reporting across western state forestry agencies.</p>
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<p><b>Lunch (provided)</b> Attendees will break for lunch in the Arizona Industrial Commission Building Basement.</p>
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	<p><b>Understanding Forest Health Program Reporting Requirements &amp; Best Practices cont.</b> <i>Harrison Brookes (WY)</i> The CWSF FHC will explore a series of reporting-related questions with the intent to share information, support peer-learning, and identify possible best practices for reporting across western state forestry agencies.</p>
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	<p><b>Western State Forestry Agencies Survey Methodologies</b> <i>Jason Moan (AK)</i> The session will begin with a short presentation detailing how the Alaska Division of Forestry &amp; Fire Protection approaches surveys, followed by a group discussion to share information and discuss questions around how other western states conduct surveys.</p>
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<p><b>Break</b></p>
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	<p><b>National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Forest Science &amp; Health (FS&amp;H) Committee Updates</b> <i>Bob Simpson (NASF)</i> Bob Simpson, NASF staff to the FS&amp;H Committee, will share updates and recent activities by the NASF FS&amp;H Committee. Q&amp;A and dialogue will follow his remarks.</p>
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	<p><b>Updates by the Northeast-Midwest State Foresters Alliance (NMSFA) and Southern Group of State Foresters (SGSF) Forest Health Committee Chairs</b></p>
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Day One Meeting Reflections and Day's Wrap Up</b> <i>Aly McAlexander (Chair, AZ)</i></p>



<p><b>Wednesday, October 2</b></p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> CWSF FHC members, Western USDA Forest Service Forest Health Program representatives, CWSF staff, and invited speakers.</p> <p><b>Meeting Room:</b> Auditorium</p> <p><b>Attire:</b> Field Attire</p>	
Breakfast	<b>On Your Own</b>
8:00 - 8:10 a.m.	<p><b>Board Vans &amp; Depart for Field Tour</b></p> <p>Meeting attendees will meet at Arizona Industrial Commission Building to board the field tour vans. The vans will depart at 8:10 a.m. sharp. All meeting attendees need to be boarded by that time.</p>
8:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Field Tour</b>
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	<p><b>Lunch (provided)</b></p> <p>Attendees will arrive back at the Arizona Industrial Commission Building for lunch in the Basement.</p>
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	<p><b>USDA Forest Service Washington D.C. (WO) Office Forest Health Program Updates</b></p> <p><i>Rick Cooksey (USDA Forest Service WO)</i></p> <p>Rick Cooksey, USDA Forest Service Forest Health Program Director, will share updates and recent activities about the USDA Forest Service WO Forest Health Program. Q&amp;A and dialogue will follow his remarks.</p>
2:30 - 3:15 p.m.	<p><b>Exploring Available Forest Health Project Funding Opportunities</b></p> <p>FHC meeting attendees will hear from fellow FHC members about how western states are utilizing funds from Bipartisan Infrastructure, Inflation Reduction Act, and other funding for forest health projects. A Q&amp;A will follow presentations.</p>
3:15 - 3:45 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:45 - 4:30 p.m.	<p><b>Exploring Available Forest Health Project Funding Opportunities cont.</b></p> <p>FHC meeting attendees will hear from examples from fellow FHC members about how western states are utilizing funds from Bipartisan Infrastructure, Inflation Reduction Act, and other sources for forest health projects. A Q&amp;A and dialogue will follow presentations.</p>
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Reflections and Day's Adjournment</b></p> <p><i>Aly McAlexander (AZ)</i></p>



<p><b>Thursday, October 3</b></p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> CWSF FHC members, Western USDA Forest Service Forest Health Program representatives, CWSF staff, and invited speakers.</p> <p><b>Meeting Room:</b> Basement</p> <p><b>Attire:</b> Business Casual</p>	
Breakfast	<b>On Your Own</b>
8:00 - 8:10 a.m.	<p><b>Welcome and Agenda Preview</b></p> <p><i>Aly McAlexander (Chair, AZ)</i></p>
8:10 - 9:30 a.m.	<p><b>Addressing Invasive Species in Western States</b></p> <p><i>Rob Hauff (HI), Sean McKenzie (OR), Viri Quiñonez (AZ), and Aly McAlexander (AZ)</i></p> <p>Several CWSF FHC member states will present examples of how their state forestry agencies are addressing invasive species within their state borders. Q&amp;A and full group dialogue will follow the presentations.</p>
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	<p><b>Pair and Share: Addressing Invasive Species in Western States</b></p> <p><i>Aly McAlexander (AZ)</i></p> <p>Following the invasive species presentations, meeting attendees will pair up to discuss reflections from the presentations and any ah-ha moments, outstanding questions, examples from their states regarding invasive species, and ideas for invasive species items that they would like the FHC to explore further.</p>
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	<p><b>Ideas for CWSF FHC 2025 Workplan</b></p> <p><i>Aly McAlexander (AZ) and Harrison Brookes (WY)</i></p> <p>A 2025 FHC workplan will need to be presented to the CWSF membership at the 2024 Fall Meeting (November) for approval. FHC members will utilize this agenda session to reflect on the 2024 FHC Annual Meeting topics, discussions, and action items, and offer recommendations for inclusion in a 2025 FHC workplan.</p>
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Closing Remarks, Meeting Reflections, and Wrap Up</b></p> <p><i>Aly McAlexander (AZ) and Harrison Brookes (WY)</i></p>