



2026 Forest Health and Forest Stewardship Annual Meetings

September 29 - October 1, 2026

Robert B. Atwood Building 550 W 7th Ave | Anchorage, AK 99501 | Rooms 102 and 104

Attendees: CWSF Forest Health Committee (FHC) and Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) Committee members, State Foresters, CWSF staff, and invited USDA Forest Service representatives and partners.

Tuesday, September 29 Morning Session: Combined FHC and FSP Committee Meeting Afternoon Session: Separate FHC and FSP Committee Meetings Attire: Business casual	
8:00 - 8:40 a.m.	Agenda Preview and Introductions <i>Jason Moan (AK, FHC Chair), Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair)</i>
8:40 - 8:45 a.m.	Welcome to Alaska: State Forester Remarks <i>Jeremy Douse, Alaska State Forester/Ashley List, Deputy Director, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DFFP)</i>
8:45 - 9:15 a.m.	State Forester Roundtable - TBC
9:15 - 9:35 a.m.	National Policy Updates and Discussion <i>Neil Simpson (CWSF/WFLC)</i>
9:35 - 10:00 a.m.	Group Discussion: USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) Terms & Conditions, OMB CFR Changes <i>Facilitated by Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair) and DFFP Grants Administrator.</i>
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	Panel and Case Study: From Forest Disturbance to Landowner Action - Working Together to Reach Private Forest Landowners <i>Jason Moan (AK, FHC Chair), Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair), TBD AK Forest Stewardship Program Staff</i> Cross-Program Coordination: What's working and where are the gaps?
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	Overview and Status of Forest Service Reporting Databases such as SMART, SMARTar, ForHealth, PER, and NIC Portal <i>Erik Castello (CO, FSP Secretary)</i> An overview of Forest Service reporting databases by subject matter experts (SMEs) and a discussion on barriers, current challenges, and future considerations.

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Field Tour Logistics <i>Jason Moan (AK, FHC Chair) and Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair)</i>	
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch (On your own; see reference list of nearby recommendations)	
1:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Forest Health Committee	Forest Stewardship Committee
	1:15 - 1:25 p.m. Welcome, Agenda Preview, and Introductions <i>Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> 1:25 - 1:55 p.m. Forest Service Forest Health Program Updates A Forest Service Forest Health Program (FHP) member will share national updates and recent activity with meeting attendees. 1:55 - 2:55 p.m. 2026 Work Plan: Forest Health Reporting Metrics The FHC Forest Health Reporting Metrics workgroup will share updates on the progress of the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) ForHealth Metrics Interpretations Work Group. A full-group Q&A and discussion will follow to gather FHC members' ideas on improving NASF Forest Health Performance Metrics. 2:55 - 3:10 p.m. Break 3:10 - 4:30 p.m. 2026 Work Plan: Aerial Survey Whitepaper <i>Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> The FHC Aerial Survey workgroup will conduct a full FHC round robin discussion to explore predetermined questions and gather information to develop the aerial	1:15 - 2:10 p.m. State Round Robin <i>Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair)</i> 5-10 minutes per state: • Biggest success of 2026 • Biggest challenge of 2026 • One innovative idea you're working on or have succeeded with. 2:10 - 2:30 p.m. Break 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Forest Service Updates <i>TBC</i> 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. Natural Resources Conservation Service and Forest Stewardship Plan Integration <i>Chris Tcimpidis (NRCS Alaska State Forester), Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair), Forest Stewardship Program staff</i> Stewardship Plans may not meet Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) planning standards, and this discussion will explore how NRCS policy intersects with Alaska's unique landowner needs to refine our process. <u>Committee members: please be ready to talk about how your state works with NRCS to ensure Forest Stewardship Plans work for landowner financial assistance.</u>

	survey white paper following the 2026 Annual Meeting. 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Meeting Reflections, Bin Items, and Day's Adjournment <i>Tony Seidl (SD, Vice Chair)</i> FHC members will share reflections from the day's topics, address any bin items for additional discussion, and adjourn for the day.	3:45 - 4:00 p.m Break 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Prep for Thursday's business meeting <i>Neil Simpson (CWSF/WFLC)</i> 4:30 - 5:00 p.m Meeting Reflections and Days Adjournment <i>Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair)</i> FSP members will share reflections from the day's topics, address any bin items for additional discussion, and adjourn for the day.
Evening	Optional Networking Event	

Wednesday, September 30 Full Day: Combined FHC and FSP Committee Meeting Field Tour Attire: Field Attire	
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	<i>Load vehicles and depart the Robert B. Atwood staff parking lot.</i>
8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	Travel to Valley of the Moon
8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Valley of the Moon Invasive Species Detection/Management: Pests & Plants. Invasive chokecherries in riparian area demonstration site; larch casebearer.
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Travel to McHugh Creek Trailhead
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	McHugh Creek Trailhead Overview of forest management in Alaska State Parks. Post-fire reforestation. (restroom available)
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Travel to Hillside Fuel Break
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	Hillside Fuel Break WUI protection and fuels management discussion. DFFP Area Forester and Fuels staff will discuss a strategic fuel break located in a high-value/high-risk neighborhood.

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Travel to Camp Gorsuch
12:15 - 1:45 p.m.	Camp Gorsuch (lunch provided) Staff will discuss how Forest Stewardship Plans helped the Boy Scout camp conduct Firewise assessments and translate planning into implementation.
1:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Travel to Government Hill Commons
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.	Government Hill Commons Growing fruit trees in a sub-arctic environment.
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Return travel to Robert B. Atwood Building and conclude the field tour.

Thursday, October 1

Morning Session: Combined FHC and FSP Committee Meeting

Afternoon Session: Separate FHC and FSP Committee Meetings

Attire: Business casual

8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Meeting Welcome and Agenda Preview <i>Jason Moan (AK, FHC Chair), Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair)</i>
8:15 - 9:00 a.m.	Utility Workgroup Discussion: forest health, private forests, utility work. <i>Forest Stewardship Program staff and members of utility workgroup.</i>
9:00 - 9:20 a.m.	Break
9:20 - 10:20 a.m.	Invasive Species/EDRR Round Robin <i>Tony Seidl (SD, FHC Vice Chair)</i> Each state reports the integration of forest health and forest stewardship regarding invasive species. Aiming to cover at least one plant and one insect from each state.
10:20 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Strategies for Programmatic Collaboration Round Robin <i>Tony Seidl (SD, FHC Vice Chair)</i> Using the themes and strategies mentioned in the Invasive Species Round Robin as a springboard, we will turn our focus on the broader topic of collaboration between programs. Each state will have the opportunity to report another collaborative effort between their FHP and FSP, other than invasive species management, with open discussion to follow.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Forest Health Committee	Forest Stewardship Committee
	1:00 - 1:05 p.m. Agenda Preview <i>Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> 1:05 - 2:05 p.m. Semiochemical Mitigation Strategies <i>Dan West (CO, Secretary) and Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> This session will focus on recent advances in semiochemical mitigation strategies and operational use of semiochemicals. Two short introductory presentations will be followed by Q&A and discussion. Prompt questions include: • Does your program use semiochemicals in forest health management? • If so, what are some successes and/or challenges in those efforts? 2:05 - 3:05 p.m. Forest Health Integration with Forest Inventory and Analysis <i>Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> This session will include background on forest health metrics collected in Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) plots, a state example of using FIA data in a forest health project, and a national forest health-related modeling effort that incorporates FIA data. Speakers may include local FIA representatives, an FHC member, and a national perspective. 3:05 - 3:20 p.m. Break	1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Work Plan Alignment Session and Committee Business Review work plan to ensure we are on track and identify action items prior to 2026 Report and 2027 Work Plan development. • Discuss Committee Leadership 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. American Forest Landowner Support Program <i>Frank Curtain (American Forests)</i> 2:45 - 3:05 p.m. Break 3:05 - 4:05 p.m. Forest Landowner Support Grant Work Session <i>Kelsey Delaney (CWSF/WFLC)</i> FSP Committee members will hear progress updates by the CWSF Forest Landowners Assistance work group, and discuss an outline of the work group's draft road map. 4:05 - 4:30 p.m. Meeting Reflections and Wrap Up <i>Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> FHC members will discuss any final wrap-up items and reflections before closing the 2026 Annual Meeting.

	3:20 - 4:00 p.m. 2027 Work Plan Tasks and Volunteers <i>Tony Seidl (SD, Vice Chair)</i> FHC members will engage in a facilitated, full-group discussion to identify and prioritize key deliverables and tasks for the 2027 Work Plan. 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Meeting Reflections and Wrap Up <i>Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> FHC members will discuss any final wrap-up items and reflections before closing the 2026 Annual Meeting.	
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