



**WFLC PACIFIC ISLANDS FORESTRY COMMITTEE
2021 – 2022 Report**

LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW

COMMITTEE / NETWORK LEADERSHIP

The Pacific Islands Forestry Committee leadership team for 2022 includes:

- *Marlyter Silbanuz (FSM), Chair*
- *River Thomas (Palau), Co-Vice-Chair*
- *Larry Mamis (Palau), Co-Vice-Chair*
- *David Smith (HI), Past Chair*
- *Leena Mesebeluu (Palau), Secretary*
- *Sherry Hazelhurst, US Forest Service*
- *Laura Wagner, CWSF Staff Liaison*

Committee/Network Mission Statement and Purpose:

To aid Western Forestry Leadership Coalition (WFLC) in developing informed and unified approaches to natural resource and forestry management issues that represent needs of the tropical forests of the United States affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI). This approach insures that the Council of Western State Foresters (CWSF) and WFLC redeems their responsibility to present a unified presence to Congress, the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) and the Washington Office of the USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) on behalf of the State of Hawaii; Territories of Guam and American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands; and the Freely Associated State of Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau with their unique tropical forestry management issues. In addition, it provides a forum for technology transfer, training, and cultural information exchange among USAPI, WFLC, CWSF and NASF members on forestry topics.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2021

- Completed Pacific-wide story map in cooperation with Timmons Group to communicate successes and tie into NASF's Performance Measures
 - Develop materials to help Pacific Island members understand components of a strong LSR project
 - Held virtual meetings and trainings in lieu of 2021 Workshop
 - Completion of all Pacific Islands Forest Action Plan
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