



DRAFT 2025 WFLC & CWSF Spring Meeting

May 13-15, 2025 | DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown | Salt Lake City, UT

Tuesday, May 13 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: Ballroom	
7:00 - 7:50 a.m.	Breakfast (Provided, 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 - 8:45 a.m.	Local Welcome <i>Jamie Barnes (UT)</i>
8:45 - 9:45 a.m.	USDA Leadership Keynote
9:45 - 10:30 a.m.	Policy Update <i>Neil Simpson (CWSF, Director of Policy)</i>
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Break and Split into CWSF and Western USDA Forest Service Leaders Meetings

Tuesday, May 13 Council of Western State Foresters Meeting and separate Western Forest Service Leaders Meeting		
Attire: Business Casual		
	<p>CWSF Meeting <i>Ballroom</i></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 <i>Executive Boardroom (RF) and Ambassador (SPTF)</i></p> <p>Attendees: USDA Forest Service WFLC Members and Washington Office Leaders</p>



10:45 - 10:50 a.m.	<p>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>
10:50 - 11:15 a.m.	<p>National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Update An NASF team member will share recent activities and updates on priority issues to state forestry agencies across the nation.</p>	
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>Regional State Forestry Association Updates (NMSFA and SGSF) Representatives from the Northeast-Midwest State Foresters Alliance (NMSFA) and Southern Group of State Foresters (SGSF) will present recent activities and updates of shared importance across regions.</p>	
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch (Provided) <i>All Attendees</i></p>	
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	<p>State Forester and Partner Lightning Round CWSF members or their designees and forestry partners will share 3 to 5 minutes of remarks in response to questions regarding forestry priorities within their state/organization.</p>	<p>USDA Forest Service business</p>
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Break <i>All Attendees</i></p>	
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.	<p>State Forester and Partner Lightning Round Continued</p>	<p>USDA Forest Service business</p>
4:15 - 4:45 p.m.	<p>Reflections and Identification of Needs/Opportunities</p>	



4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	Wrap-up and Meeting Adjournment <i>John Erixson (NE, CWSF Chair) and Danielle Okst (CWSF)</i>	
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Wednesday, May 14 Western Forestry Leadership Coalition Morning Field Tour, and Afternoon Council of Western State Foresters Meeting and separate Western Forest Service Leaders Meeting Attire: Field Tour Attire		
7:00 - 7:50 a.m.	Breakfast (Provided, Atrium) <i>All Attendees</i>	
8:00 - 8:10 a.m.	Board Buses and Depart on Field Tour	
8:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Field Tour	
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Provided) <i>All Attendees</i>	
	CWSF Meeting Ballroom Attendees: Western State and Pacific Island Foresters and Senior Staff; State Forester Associations’ Staff and Representatives (CWSF and NASF); and Invited Partners	Western Forest Service Leaders Meeting Executive Boardroom (RF) and Ambassador (SPTF) Attendees: USDA Forest Service WFLC Members and Washington Office Leaders
1:30 - 1:40 p.m.	Welcome and Agenda Overview <i>John Erixson (NE, CWSF Chair) and Danielle Okst (CWSF)</i>	During this time, WFLC federal members will meet separately for western USDA Forest Service business.
1:40 - 3:00 p.m.	Policy Dialogue: Navigating Change and Moving Forward This session will discuss the changing policy environment, emerging challenges, and changing priorities, with an emphasis on how state agencies can navigate these changes, learn from each other, and identify solutions.	



3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Break <i>All Attendees</i>	
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Business Session (Closed)	USDA Forest Service business
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Reflections and Meeting Wrap Up <i>John Erixson (NE, CWSF Chair) and Danielle Okst (CWSF)</i>	

Thursday, May 15 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: Ballroom		
7:00 - 7:50 a.m.	Breakfast (Provided, Atrium)	
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Welcome and Agenda Overview <i>Michiko Martin (USFS, WFLC Co-Lead) and John Erixson (NE, WFLC Co-Lead)</i>	
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	USDA Forest Service Leadership Update	
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.	Western Priorities and Emerging Issues	
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 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).	
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Provided)	
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	The Future of Shared Stewardship Shared stewardship has improved cooperation across federal, state, tribal, and local partners. This discussion will explore what has worked, what hasn't, and how shared stewardship needs to evolve to remain effective into the future.	
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Break	



3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<p>Aligning for Impact</p> <p>WFLC members and partners will discuss methods to better prioritize together, maximize impact and effectiveness, adapt to a changed system, and align resources and processes to address challenges.</p>
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	<p>Meeting Reflections and Adjournment</p> <p><i>Michiko Martin (USFS, WFLC Co-Lead) and John Erixson (NE, WFLC Co-Lead)</i></p>

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