## Region 3 Wildfire Crisis Strategy Roundtable Agenda

Day 1 Opening Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00 pm MST Day 2 Employee Roundtable: Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm MST Day 3 Partner Roundtable: Thursday, February 24, 2022, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm MST

## **Meeting Goals**

Wildfires in the U.S. have been growing in size, duration, and destruction over the past 20 years, reaching crisis proportions in the West. This national emergency calls for decisive actions to protect people and communities and improve forest health and resilience. In response, the USDA Forest Service is developing a comprehensive 10-Year Strategic Implementation Plan with employees and partners to support the management and restoration of millions of acres of land toward improved forest health and watershed function and the protection of human infrastructure.

To facilitate the development of this plan, the Forest Service, in coordination with the National Forest Foundation, is hosting roundtable discussions in each of the nine Forest Service regions as well as nationally to engage employees and partners in the process. The goals of the Roundtable are to:

- Share information, goals, and timelines for the 10-Year Strategic Implementation Plan;
- Collect partner and employee input to inform the Plan;
- Provide an opportunity for dialogue among Forest Service leaders and partners to identify key needs and opportunities of the Plan; and
- Gauge on-going levels of interest and determine ways to leverage that interest and energy.

## **Meeting Materials**

- 10-year strategy: <u>Confronting the Wildfire Crisis</u>: A New Strategy for Protecting Communities and Improving Resilience in America's Forests
- Implementation plan
- Confronting the Wildfire Crisis (USDA Forest Service website)

**Day 1: Opening Meeting for All Invited Partners and Employees** 

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
1:00 pm	Welcome & Introductions Housekeeping & Agenda Review	NFF Facilitator
1:05	Welcome and Opening Remarks  Regional Forester Michiko Martin  Rocky Mountain Research Station Director Monica Lear	Michiko Martin, Regional Forester, Southwest Region Monica Lear, Station Director, Rocky Mountain Research Station
1:30	Partners in Leadership: Panel  State Foresters David Tenney (AZ) and Laura McCarthy (NM)  Cynthia West	David Tenney, State Forester, Arizona Laura McCarthy, State Forester, New Mexico Cynthia West, Northern Research Station and Forest Products Lab
1:50	<ul> <li>Goals, process, and timeline for the Plan</li> <li>Focus, phased approach to implementation, future engagement opportunities</li> <li>Intent of congress, accountability to BID</li> <li>Why this meeting is important to us and how we will use information in development of Implementation Plan</li> </ul>	Brian Ferebee, Chief Executive of Intergovernmental Relations
2:05	Q&A with all leaders	NFF Facilitator
2:30	Recognizing what we've heard and overview of roundtables	Wildfire Risk Reduction Implementation Team
2:45	Closing Remarks (10 min.)	<b>Michiko Martin,</b> Regional Forester
2:55	Next Steps	NFF Facilitator
3:00 pm	ADJOURN. Thank you for attending!	

## Employee & Partner Roundtables (Days 2 & 3)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)
10:00 am	Welcome & Introductions	NFF Facilitator
10:05	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Heather Provencio, Special Assistant to the Regional Forester Frank McCormick, Senior Advisor for Science, Rocky Mountain Research Station
10:15	Breakout Sessions Round 1  1. Science Supporting Wildfire Risk Reduction 2. Cross-Boundary Partnerships 3. Workforce Capacity 4. Markets and Industry 5. Outcome-based Prioritization and Metrics of Progress  Objective: Hold facilitated discussions to gather input and ideas on the core elements of the Strategic Implementation Plan.	
11:00	BREAK	
11:15	Breakout Sessions Round 2 (Repeat the process above)	
12:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00	Reconvene and send to breakout groups	
1:05	Breakout Sessions Round 3 (Repeat the process above)	
1:50	BREAK	
2:00	Report-outs by Breakout Group Facilitators	Breakout Group Facilitators
2:30	Closing Comments from the Forest Service	Heather Provencio, Special Assistant to the Regional Forester Frank McCormick, Senior Advisor for Science, Rocky Mountain Research Station
3:00 pm	ADJOURN. Thank you for attending!	