

Region 2 Wildfire Crisis Strategy Roundtable Agendas

Day 1 Opening Meeting: Monday February 28, 2022, 1–3 pm MST

Day 2 Employee Roundtable: Tuesday March 1, 2022, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm MST

Day 3 Partner Roundtable: Monday March 7, 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: [Confronting the Wildfire Crisis: A New Strategy for Protecting Communities and Improving Resilience in America's Forests](#)
- [Implementation plan](#)
- [Confronting the Wildfire Crisis](#) (USDA Forest Service website)
- [Synthesis of Recommendations](#)
- [NFF webpage on the Roundtables](#)

Day 1: Opening Meeting for All Invited Partners and Employees

Monday, February 28, 2022, 1–3 pm MST

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
1:00 pm	Welcome & Introductions Housekeeping & Agenda Review	NFF Facilitator
1:05	Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Beum, Regional Forester • Dr. Monica Lear, Director, Rocky Mountain Research Station
1:30	Partners in Leadership: Panel <u>State Foresters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt McCombs, Colorado State Forester • Bill Crapser, Wyoming State Forester • Greg Josten, South Dakota State Forester <u>Industry</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cyndi (Cynthia) West, Director, Northern Research Station and Forest Products Lab 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt McCombs • Bill Crapser • Greg Josten • Dr. Cyndi (Cynthia) West
2:05	10-year Strategic Implementation Plan Overview Goals, process, and timeline for the Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Ferebee, Chief Executive of Intergovernmental Relations
2:20	Q&A with all leaders	NFF Facilitator All Leadership
2:50	Recognizing what we've heard and overview of roundtables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Neuenfeldt, Wildfire Risk Reduction Implementation Team, Washington D.C. Office
2:53	Closing Remarks Dr. Monica Lear , Rocky Mountain Research Station Director Frank Beum , Regional Forester	Leadership
2:58	Next Steps	NFF facilitator
3:00 pm	ADJOURN	

Employee Roundtable (Day 2)

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm MST

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)
10:00 am	Welcome & Introductions Housekeeping & Agenda Review	NFF Facilitator
10:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Beum, Regional Forester
10:15	Breakout Sessions Round 1 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Each Breakout Group will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Facilitator • Note-Taker
11:00	BREAK	
11:15	Breakout Sessions Round 2 (Repeat the process above)	
12:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00	Breakout Sessions Round 3	
1:45	BREAK	
2:00	Report-outs by Breakout Group Facilitators	Breakout Group Facilitators
2:30	Closing Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Beum, Regional Forester • Dr. Frank McCormick, Senior Advisor for Science, Rocky Mountain Research Station 	Leadership
3:00	Thank you and adjourn	NFF Facilitator

Partner Roundtable (Day 3)

Monday, March 7, 2022, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm MST

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)
10:00 am	Welcome & Introductions Housekeeping & Agenda Review	NFF Facilitator
10:05	Opening Remarks	Frank Beum , Regional Forester
10:10	Tribal National Leadership Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Manuel Heart, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe • President Walter Echo-Hawk, Pawnee Nation 	Tribal Leadership
10:40	Breakout Sessions Round 1 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Each Breakout Group will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Facilitator • Note-Taker
11:20	BREAK	
11:30	Breakout Sessions Round 2 (Repeat the process above)	
12:10 pm	LUNCH	
1:00	Breakout Sessions Round 3 (Repeat the process above)	Facilitator, All
1:45	BREAK	
2:00	Report-outs by Breakout Group Facilitators	Breakout Group Facilitators
2:30	Closing Comments <p><u>State Foresters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Josten, South Dakota State Forester • Matt McCombs, Colorado State Forester <p><u>Forest Service Leadership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Beum, Regional Forester • Dr. Monica Lear, Rocky Mountain Research Station Director 	Leadership
3:00	Thank you and adjourn	NFF Facilitator