

Region 5 Wildfire Crisis Strategy Roundtable Agenda

Day 1 Opening Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Day 2 Employee Roundtable: Thursday, March 17, 2022, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Day 3 Partner Roundtable: Friday, March 18, 2022, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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](#)
- [Synthesis of Recommendations](#)
- [Wildfire Crisis Strategy Roundtables web page \(National Forest Foundation\)](#)

Day 1: Opening Meeting for All Invited Partners and Employees (March 16)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
1:00 pm Pacific Time	Welcome & introductions <i>Housekeeping & Agenda Review</i>	NFF Facilitator
1:05	Opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Eberlien, Region 5 Regional Forester • Richard Barhydt, Director, Pacific Southwest Research Station • Joe Tyler, Director, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
1:30	Partners in leadership: Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Wright, Director, California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force • Don Hankins, Co-Leader, Inter-Tribal Indigenous Stewardship Project • Stacy Corless, Supervisor, Mono County; Past President, Rural County Representatives of California
1:45	10-year Strategic Implementation Plan overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russ Bacon, Deputy, WRRIT (Wildfire Risk Reduction Infrastructure Team)
2:00	Q&A with leadership panel	NFF Facilitator Leadership
2:30	Recognizing what we've heard and overview of roundtables	Wildfire Risk Reduction Infrastructure Team
2:45	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Eberlien, Region 5 Regional Forester • Richard Barhydt, Director, Pacific Southwest Research Station
2:55	Next steps	NFF Facilitator
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Day 2: Roundtable for Employees (March 17) and Partners (March 18)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)
10:00 am Pacific Time	Welcome & Introductions	NFF Facilitator
10:10	Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Eberlien, Region 5 Regional Forester • Richard Barhydt, Director, Pacific Southwest Research Station
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 6. Watersheds and Source-Water Protection (Partners Roundtable) 	Each Breakout Group will have: Lead Facilitator Note-Taker
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	Facilitator, All
1:05	Breakout Sessions Round 3 (Repeat the process above)	
1:50	BREAK	
2:00	Report-outs by Breakout Group Facilitators	Facilitators
2:30	Closing Comments from the Forest Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Eberlien, Region 5 Regional Forester • Richard Barhydt, Director, Pacific Southwest Research Station
3:00	ADJOURN	