

Region 4 Wildfire Crisis Strategy Roundtable Agenda

Day 1 Opening Meeting: Tuesday May 3, 2022, 1:00 – 3:30 pm MDT

Day 2 Employee Roundtable: Wednesday May 4, 2022, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm MDT

Day 3 Partner Roundtable: Thursday May 5, 2022, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm MDT

Meeting Goals

Wildfires in the U.S. have been growing in size, duration, and destruction 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.

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. The goals of the Roundtable are to:

- Share information, goals, and timelines for the 10-Year Strategic Implementation Plan, including review of the initial wildfire crisis investment landscapes and the process used for selection;
- Collect partner and employee input to inform the Plan, including future wildfire crisis investment opportunities;
- 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)
- [Confronting the Wildfire Crisis: Initial Landscape Investments to Protect Communities and Improve the Resilience in America's Forests](#)
- [Synthesis of Recommendations](#)

Day 1 (May 3): Opening Meeting for All Invited Partners and Employees

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
1:00 pm MDT	Welcome & Introductions	NFF Facilitator
1:05	Opening Remarks	Mary Farnsworth , Intermountain Regional Forester Dr. Monica Lear , Rocky Mountain Research Station Director
1:25	Partners in Leadership: Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dustin Miller, Director, Idaho Department of Lands • Emily Fife, Utah State Conservationist, NRCS • Matt Preston, Deputy State Director, BLM Utah • Dominique Etchegoyhen, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources • Joel Bousman, Commissioner, Sublette County, Wyoming • Clifford Banuelos, Tribal-State Environmental Liaison, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada • Mike Rau, Water Quality Program Manager, Central Utah Water Conservancy District 	Leadership Panel
2:00	10-year Strategic Implementation Plan Overview	Jason Kuiken , Wildfire Risk Reduction Infrastructure Team Deputy
2:15	BREAK (10 minutes)	
2:25	Moderated Panel Discussion and Q&A with all leaders	NFF Facilitator All Leadership
3:24	Closing Remarks	Mary Farnsworth , Intermountain Regional Forester
3:29	Closeout	NFF Facilitator
3:30	Adjourn. Thank you for attending!	

Day 2: Roundtable for Forest Service Employees (May 4) and Partners (May 5)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)
10:00 am MDT	Welcome & Introductions	NFF Facilitator
10:10	Opening Remarks	Forest Service Regional Leadership
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: 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	NFF Facilitator, All
1:05	Breakout Sessions Round 3 (Repeat the process above)	
1:50	BREAK	
2:00	Report outs by Breakout Group Facilitators	Facilitators
2:40	Closing Comments	Regional Leadership
3:00	Adjourn. Thank you for participating!	