



2016 National Indian Forestry & Wildland Fire Management Conference

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Meeting Format:

- Morning Sessions (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday): General session—presentations for everyone
- Afternoon Sessions (Tuesday and Wednesday): Breakout sessions for business discussions on specific topics
- Thursday mid-morning through mid-afternoon: Discussion on specific topics across entire Division. Topic will lead to discovery of needs and action points for attention by Division in upcoming year.
- Tuesday evening: No-host bar social icebreaker

Breakout Meetings:

Ballroom – General Session			
Sandia	Forestry	Las Cruces	Fire
Pecos	Forestry	Salon A	Fire
Acoma	Forestry	Salon G	Fire

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

7:00 – 3:30		Registration (Pre-Function Area)
Moderator: <i>Leon Ben, Regional Forester, Western Region</i>		
Ballroom	8:00 – 8:30	Presentation of Colors and Invocation
	8:30 – 9:00	Regional Welcome / Regional Perspective <i>Southwest Region</i>
	9:00 – 9:30	National Perspective <i>Faline Haven, Associate Deputy Director, Office of Trust Services</i>
	9:30 – 10:00	Indian Forestry – Partnerships Begin at Home <i>Phil Rigdon, President, Intertribal Timber Council</i>
Break		
Moderator: <i>Leon Ben, Regional Forester, Western Region</i>		
Ballroom	10:30 – 11:00	Chief's Report <i>Dave Koch, Acting Chief, Division of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management</i>
	11:00 – 11:30	Treating Landscapes with Partners – The Wildland Fire Perspective <i>Bryan Rice, Co-Director, DOI Office of Wildland Fire</i>
	11:30 – 12:00	Climate Change, and Management Implications <i>Craig Allen, Research Ecologist, US Geological Survey</i>
Lunch (12:00 – 1:30)		

Tuesday Afternoon Breakouts						
Time	Sandia	Pecos	Acoma	Las Cruces	Salon A	Salon G
Facilitator	Karen DeBord	Matt Anderson	Roger Jensen	Scott Bradshaw	Mark Jackson	Dalan Romero
1:30 – 2:15	Creating Resilient, Productive Forests	Harvesting the AAC – Why It's Important	Tribal Forest Products – Improving our Position in the Marketplace	SALON E Status of Risk Based Wildland Fire Management		
2:15 – 3:00		Tribal Sawmills vs. Open Market Sales (Discussion)		SALON E Fuels Program Management (Base RTRL and RL)		Youth Initiative/TREES
Break						
3:30 – 4:15	Woodlands Management	National Position on Carbon Credits	Advancements in Wood Processing Technologies	SALON E The True Cost of Wildland Fire <i>Larry Mason</i>		
4:15 – 5:00	Forest Development	Climate Change – Road to Implementation		"Spatial" Management Plans	Wildfire for Resource Benefit/FTEM	Fire Training (AD Workforce, TRM)

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

7:00 – 3:30		Registration (Pre-Function Area)
Moderator: <i>Thomas Remus, Fire Management Officer, Midwest Region</i>		
Ballroom	8:00 – 8:30	A Regional Forester’s Perspective on Partnerships <i>Matt Anderson, Regional Forester, Midwest Region</i>
	8:30 – 9:00	Leveraging Relationships and Funding Sources <i>Jim Erickson, ITC Fire Technical Specialist</i>
	9:00 – 9:30	Exchanging Funding and Labor between Partners <i>Cody Desautel, FMI&P Forester, Colville Agency</i>
	9:30–10:00	Panel Questions and Answers
Break		
Moderator: <i>Roger Jensen, Forest Products Forester, Division of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management</i>		
Ballroom	10:30 – 11:00	Fire Salvage and Market Saturation <i>Joseph Holford, Forest Manager, Colville Agency</i>
	11:00 – 11:30	Forest Products Market Outlook <i>Dorian Smith, Economic Analyst, Washington State DNR</i>
	11:30 – 12:00	Forestry in a Climate of Change: The Importance of Infrastructure and Markets to Healthy Forests <i>Larry Mason, Research Forester, Alternate Dimensions</i>
Lunch (12:00 – 1:30)		

Wednesday Afternoon Breakouts						
Time	Sandia	Pecos	Acoma	Las Cruces	Salon A	Salon G
Facilitator	John Baskette	Stacie Holmes	Jim Erickson	Pat McDowell	Joel Kerley	Steve Smith
1:30 – 2:15	Implementation of BIA Forestry Trespass Training	Forest Management Planning and Allowable Annual Cut (AAC)	Partnership Case Studies: Anchor Forests Yakama Indian Forest Land Assistance Accounts Pacific Region	Information Technology	The Vision for Geospatial Services	Medical Standards and Safety
2:15 – 3:00	A Case Study in Emergency Timber Salvage	NEPA and Management Planning		Fire Reporting	Vegetative and Disturbance Modeling using GIS	Wildland Fire Module
Break						
3:30 – 4:15	Updates to Timber Contract and Permit Forms and Provisions	Forest Inventory	Partnership Case Studies: Tribal Forest Protection Act Mescalero Salish & Kootenai	Fire Prevention and Education	Unmanned Aircraft Systems Policy & Guidance	Wildland Fire Decision Support System WFDSS
4:15 – 5:00	Revisions to TAAMS Forestry Business Rules	Forest Information Reporting Statistics and Tracking		RAWS Management	Unmanned Aircraft Systems Applications	Secretarial Order 3336 and BAER Funding

Thursday, March 24, 2016

7:00 – 8:00		Registration (Pre-Function Area)
Moderator: <i>Gerald Jones, Regional Forester, Pacific Region</i>		
Ballroom	8:00 – 8:30	Developing and Sustaining Our Workforce <i>Jeannie Cooper, Director of Operations, BIA Office of Human Capital Management</i>
	8:30 – 9:00	The Evolving Workforce – Finding a Balance Between the Old and the New <i>Adrian Leighton, Natural Resources Program Coordinator, Salish-Kootenai College</i>
	9:00 – 9:15	Panel Session Introduction <i>Dave Koch, Acting Chief, Division of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management</i>
Break (9:15-9:30)		

Panel Sessions (9:30 – 12:00)						
	Sandia	Pecos	Acoma	Las Cruces	Salon A	Salon G
Facilitators	Matt Anderson, Midwest Region	Caleb Cain, Rocky Mountain Regional Forester	Ed Morgan, Alaska Regional Forester	Andrew Quam, SW Regional Forester	Robert Nix, Eastern Oklahoma Regional Forester	Andrew Cadenhead, Navajo Regional Forester
Topic	Benefits of Project Collaboration	Workforce Development and Sustainability	Partnering Strategies	Effective Fiscal Management	Risked Based Wildland Fire Management	Recruiting and Hiring
Lunch (12:00 – 1:30)						

Thursday Afternoon – General Session		
Moderator: <i>Scott Meneely, Regional Forester, Eastern Region</i>		
Ballroom	1:30 – 4:00	Finding and Recommendations from Panel Sessions <i>Facilitators from workshops</i>
	4:00 – 4:30	Closing Remarks <i>Dave Koch, Acting Chief, Division of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management</i>
	4:30	Closing Invocation and Retiring of the Colors <i>Southwest Region</i>