



WFCN
Washington Forest
Collaborative Network

Washington Forest Collaborative Summit

Objectives for Summit

- Networking and Education
- Enhance the ability of collaborative partners and agencies to work together
- Share forest collaborative innovations and lessons learned
- Evaluate metrics and develop strategy for statewide reporting and communication

Day 1: Thursday, October 25

9-10am	Check in Coffee and light snacks will be provided
10-11am	Keynote: A Vision for Collaboration in Washington State George Geissler, Washington State Forester Department of Natural Resources Opening Remarks: Jenna Knobloch, Sustainable Northwest
11-12pm	State and Federal Forest Policy Panel The panel will share recent developments in state and federal policy, and discuss ways that forest collaborative partners can engage in the coming year. George Geissler, Department of Natural Resources Tyson Bertone-Riggs, Rural Voices Conservation Coalition Nicholas Goldstein, USDA Forest Service Heath Heikkila, American Forest Resource Council Moderator: Andrew Spaeth, Sustainable Northwest
12-1pm	Networking Lunch <i>Catered, casual lunch. An opportunity to connect with old friends and new acquaintances.</i>

1-2pm

Forest Collaboratives and Tribes

This session will focus on how forest collaboratives can work as partners with Tribes. The panel will focus on emerging successful examples of unique partnerships and utilization of Tribal Forest Protection Authority.

Steve Andringa, Yakama Nation
Mike Lithgow, Kalispel Tribe
Moderator: Dr. Trent Seager, Sustainable Northwest

2-3:30pm

Eastside Forest Health Breakout

This breakout session will focus on the implementation of the Washington Department of Natural Resources 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan and new research on assessing post-fire impacts.

Dr. Derek Churchhill, WA Department of Natural Resources
Chuck Hersey, WA Department of Natural Resources
Reese Lolley, The Nature Conservancy
Karen Honeycutt, USDA Forest Service
Moderator: Andrew Spaeth, Sustainable Northwest

Good Neighbor Authority Breakout

This interactive, participant driven session will focus on how collaboratives are engaged in planning and implementing GNA projects.

Trevor McConchie, WA Department of Natural Resources
Tyson Bertone-Riggs, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition
Sam Grimm, USDA Forest Service
Moderator: Jamie Tolfree

3-3:30pm

Break

3:30-4:30pm

Collaborative Speed Dating:

Participants will be split into two groups, each working their way in different directions around the room. This is an opportunity to ask questions, gain insights, and develop a stronger understanding of the unique characteristics of forest collaboratives around the state.

6pm

No host reception and dinner

Single Hill Brewery, 102 N Naches Ave, Yakima, WA 98901

Day 2: Friday, October 26th

9am

Welcome and Introductions

Coffee and light breakfast

9:15-10:15

Forest Collaborative Infrastructure Pilot and Cross-Boundary Competitive Grant Program

Collaborative members will be invited to share highlights and upcoming activities associated with recent awards by Washington Department of Natural Resources.

Amy Ramsey, WA Department of Natural Resources
Chuck Hersey, WA Department of Natural Resources
Moderator: Andrew Spaeth, Sustainable Northwest

10:15-10:45

Break

10:45-12

Washington Forest Collaboratives Network Working Session

- Recap accomplishments in the last year: Metrics and Website Working Groups
- Identify statewide needs for learning, communication, and networking
- Debrief and next steps

Moderator: Jenna Knobloch, Sustainable Northwest