

**Western Governors' Association
Workshop on Forest & Rangeland Health Collaboration**

***The Central Rockies Workshop
Colorado - South Dakota - Wyoming***

**May 19-20, 2005
Holiday Inn
Casper, Wyoming**

Co-Sponsors:

*USDA Forest Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Association of Counties,
International Association of Fire Chiefs, The Wilderness Society, Council of Western
State Foresters*

FINAL AGENDA

DAY ONE – THURSDAY, MAY 19

- 11:30am Buffet Luncheon Provided
- 12:00pm **Welcoming Keynote** – *Dave Freudenthal, Governor of Wyoming*
- 12:15 **Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review**
- Western Governors' Association
- 12:30 **Opening Panel**
Forest/Rangeland Health Status and Policies to Address It
Moderator: *Joe Evans, Executive Director, WY County
Commissioners Association*
- Frank Cross, USFS and Linda Anania, BLM
 - Jim Hubbard, Director, Office of Wildland Fire, USDOI
 - Rick Cables, Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region, USFS
 - Bill Crapsler, Wyoming State Forester
- 1:30 **Panel II**
Successful Forest Health Collaborative Efforts in CO, SD and WY
Moderator: *Jim Murkin, Field Manager, Casper Office, BLM*
- Colorado**
Front Range Stakeholder Roundtable
- Paige Lewis, Director of Policy and External Affairs,
Colorado State Forest Service
 - Tom Fry, Wildfire Program Coordinator, The Wilderness
Society
 - James Bedwell, Forest Supervisor, Arapaho-Roosevelt
National Forest, USFS

Wyoming

Story Wildfire Mitigation Assessment Project

- John Lunbeck, Project Coordinator, Story Wildfire Mitigation Assessment Project
- Craig Yancey, Tongue District Ranger, Bighorn National Forest, USFS
- Jim Webster, Fire Mitigation Coordinator, Wyoming State Forestry Division

South Dakota

- Greg Josten, Senior Forester, SD Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry
- Jeff Gies, Wildland Urban Interface Specialist, SD Division of Wildland Fire Suppression
- Terry Chaplan, Fuels Program Manager, SD Field Office, BLM
- Rob Mattox, Black Hills Land Analysis

3:00 Break

3:15 **Panel III**

Collaboration Expectations

Governmental and non-governmental representatives share expectations for collaboration on forest health issues at the local and state level

Moderator: *Bill Crapser, Wyoming State Forester*

- Duane Dailey, County Commissioner, Grand County, CO
- Lisa Dale Gregory, Natural Resources Policy Fellow, The Wilderness Society
- Bob Bennett, Wyoming State Director, BLM
- Carol Ekarius, Executive Director, Coalition for the Upper South Platte

4:15 **Breakout Session I**

“Collaborating on Collaboration” – Discussing the Objectives, Challenges and Benefits of Collaboration (*breakouts assigned*)

5:30 **Wrap-Up and Next Day Agenda Review**

- WGA

6:00 **Hosted Reception**

Wonder Bar

Downtown Casper

256 S Center St

Between E Midwest Ave and E 2nd St

7:00 Dinner on your own

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DAY TWO – FRIDAY, MAY 20

7:30am Buffet Breakfast Provided

8:15 **Recap** - Collaboration Breakout from previous day
▪ Report out from each breakout spokesperson

8:30 **Panel IV**
Collaborative Case Studies from the West – Moderator: *Bill Wilcox, Colorado State Forester*

Implementing the 10-Year Strategy in Idaho

- Peg Polichio – National Fire Plan Coordinator, ID Dept. of Lands and USFS
- Dr. Robert Cope - Commissioner, Lemhi County, ID
- Ken Kiser - Cooperative Fire Specialist, USFS Region 4
- Russ Manwaring – Project Coordinator, W. Central Highlands RC&D Council

9:15 **Panel V**
Collaborative Case Studies from the West – Moderator: *Paul Riley, Office of South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds*

Apache-Sitgraves Stewardship Contract in Arizona

- Elaine Zieroth – Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgraves National Forest, USFS
- Rob Davis – Forest Energy Products
- Diane Vosick – Assistant Director, Ecological Restoration Institute, Northern Arizona University

10:00 Break

10:30 **Technical Session Plenary**
Moderator: *Douglas MacDonald, Fire Chief, Los Alamos, NM representing the International Association of Fire Chiefs*

- Community Wildfire Protection Plans - Paige Lewis, Colorado State Forest Service
- Stewardship Contracting/Tribal Forest Protection Act – Bob Garcia, USFS

- Available Grants and Resources – Mary Randolph, Executive Director, WY Rural Development Council and John Glenn, Fire Management Officer, BLM WY
- State-by-state forest health project selection overview (*breakouts by state in room*)
 - Bill Wilcox, CO
 - Greg Josten/Jeff Gies, SD
 - Bill Crapser, WY

12:00 Buffet Lunch Provided

1:00 **Breakout Session II**
State-by-State Work Plan: Enhancing Collaborative Efforts in the Central Rockies

Facilitated state-by-state breakouts to consider action items that address outstanding collaboration issues in their state, such as:

- Is a collaborative process or structure necessary for a state to improve the health of its forests and rangelands?
- What are additional steps/incentives necessary to achieve collaborative success in the respective states?
- Should a state expand its focus to watersheds/landscape restoration?
- How should a state measure/monitor collaboration success?
- How can the state function as a “planning unit” for community plans and forest health treatments?
- What steps are necessary post-workshop in the state and who should lead them?

3:00 **State-By-State Visions, Action Plans and Next Steps Presented**
 Moderator: *Jim Hubbard, Director, Office of Wildland Fire, USDOJ*

3:30 **Wrap Up, Attendee Feedback, Closing Comments and Adjourn**