



2023 WFLC Fall Meeting

November 30, 2023 | Waikoloa Beach Marriott | Waikoloa Beach, HI

Attendees: Western State and Pacific Island Foresters and senior staff, USDA Forest Service WFLC Members and Washington Office Leaders, and Invited Partners

Attire: Island Business Casual

Thursday, November 30, 2023	
Naupaka Salon (Meetings and Breaks), Paniolo Ocean Terrace (Meals)	
6:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Provided for all Council of Western State Foresters (CWSF) and Western Forestry Leadership Coalition (WFLC) meeting attendees)
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Meeting Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview <i>Mary Farnsworth, WFLC Co-Lead (USFS) and David Smith, WFLC Co-Lead (HI)</i>
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Policy Update <i>Neil Simpson (CWSF/WFLC)</i> The CWSF/WFLC Director of Policy will present recent national policy updates and actions on forestry issues of priority to CWSF/WFLC members.
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Wildland Fire Commission Updates and Next Steps <i>Annie Schmidt (Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission) and Kacey KC (NV)</i> WFLC meeting attendees will hear from Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission representatives about the recent recommendations submitted to Congress. Attendees and speakers will discuss recommendations linked to CWSF/WFLC members' priorities and possible action steps.
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy Addendum <i>Mike Zupko (fire WFLC) and Katie Lighthall (fire WFLC West)</i> Representatives from the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (fire WFLC) and fire WFLC West will dialogue with CWSF/WFLC meeting attendees about progress towards implementing the National Cohesive Strategy Addendum.
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Provided)

1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	<p>Building Tomorrow's Forestry Workforce: Western State and Partner Examples <i>Matthew Bauer (Kupu), DJ Sene (AS), and Lenny Gouveia, Jr. (Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i)</i></p> <p>Workforce remains a key priority for CWSF/WFLC members, and this session will highlight several examples and recent actions by states and partners to grow the forestry workforce. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to dialogue with speakers about ways they can engage and/or replicate these examples in their states/regions.</p>
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 - 4:45 p.m.	<p>Western Forest Service and State Partner Discussions</p> <p>Break-out groups of USDA Forest Service and state personnel from each Western USDA Forest Service Region (<i>States in more than one region, please select one discussion to attend; other partners – free time</i>). Questions linked to meeting topics will be shared with break-out groups as an optional element to guide conversations.</p>
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	<p>Wrap Up and Day's Adjournment <i>Mary Farnsworth, WFLC Co-Lead (USFS) and David Smith, WFLC Co-Lead (HI)</i></p>

<p>Friday, December 1 Breakfast and Lunch (Paniolo II)</p>	
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Provided for WFLC federal members and PIFC Executive Committee meeting attendees)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>Western USDA Forest Service Leaders Meeting (Paniolo III) Western Regional Foresters, Research Station Directors, and State, Private, and Tribal Forestry Directors meeting</p>
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<p>2023 Pacific Islands Forestry Committee (PIFC) Executive Committee Meeting (Paniolo I) PIFC Executive Committee meeting</p>