



Western Urban and Community Forestry (WUCF) Network

Report-Out for 2019 Fall Meeting

COMMITTEE / NETWORK LEADERSHIP

The Western Urban and Community Forestry (WUCF) Network leadership team for 2019 includes:

Rachel Ormseth (SD), Chair
Heather McMillen (HI), Vice Chair
Linden Lampman (WA), Past Chair
Larry Biles (KS), State Forester Advisor

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LOOK BACK: KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2019

WUCF Leadership/Organization

- Represented WUCF at appropriate events to provide a more coordinated approach across the country.
- Continued organization and coordination during transition of leadership roles.

Resource, Information, and Technology Transfer Work Group

- New coordinators welcomed to the Network, new coordinator's manual completed, and mentoring opportunities provided.
- Awareness and information sharing of appropriate training/educational opportunities.
- Involvement as appropriate with Denver Urban Field Research Station development.

Tree City USA/Growth Award Work Group

- Advisory partnership with Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) in support of the ADF programs.

Marketing and Communications Work Group

- Distribution of 'Forestry in All Shapes & Sizes' publication highlighting western state projects.
 - Participation in the monthly #HealthyTreesHealthyLives social media campaign.
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LOOK FORWARD: EMERGING ISSUES AND PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- Increase training opportunities to enhance technical skills.

- Continue networking among the group to share case studies and lessons learned.
 - Focus on communications to tell stories, cultivate champions, tap into CWSF/WFLC capacity, engage the Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition, and other urban and community (UCF) collaborative efforts.
 - Have a pulse on emerging issues such as green infrastructure, water/clean water act, invasive species, climate change, trees and health, etc.
 - Focus on state and federal plans and priorities including:
 - NASF/CWSF priorities for State & Private Forestry and UCF programs
 - National/Regional guidance from the USDA Forest Service UCF program
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY STATE FORESTERS

- Approve the Western Urban and Community Forestry Network's 2020 Work Plan and Budget.