



WESTERN FORESTRY LEADERSHIP COALITION

2026 Western Urban and Community Forestry Committee Annual Meeting

March 24-26, 2026 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. MDT | [WUCF Annual Meeting](#)

| Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Theme: Partnerships | |
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| 12:00 – 12:15 p.m. | Meeting Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview <i>Alyssa O'Brien, Chair (NM)</i> |
| 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. | Western Forestry Leadership Coalition and State Forester Advisor Update <i>Neil Simpson (WFLC) and Tom Claeys, State Forester Advisor (ND)</i> |
| 12:45 – 1:15 p.m. | National Association of State Foresters Updates <i>Keith Wood (NASF)</i> |
| 1:15 – 1:30 p.m. | Break |
| 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. | NM Partners Presentation <i>Tree New Mexico/Integrated Biological Solutions</i> |
| 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. | Group Support Breakouts <ul style="list-style-type: none">● What things from the talk resonated with you?● How does your volunteer and partnership coordination work in your state?● What are the top partners you work with in your state? Are there different partners in different regions of your state?● Anything you have done to engage partners or bring additional partners to the table?● Are there any ways this committee can work on any issues brought up during this discussion? Work groups? Workplan items? |
| 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. | Wrap Up <i>Alyssa O'Brien, Chair (NM)</i> |

| Wednesday, March 25, 2026 Theme: Green Schools and Successes | |
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| 12:00 – 12:15 p.m. | Meeting Welcome, Agenda Overview, and Work Plan Update |



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| | <i>Alyssa O'Brien, Chair (NM)</i> |
| 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. | USDA Forest Service Update <i>Tyler Stevenson (Forest Service, Washington Office), Miranda Hutten</i> |
| 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. | North East Midwest State Forestry Update <i>Brian McDonald (NJ)</i> |
| 1:30 – 1:45 p.m. | Break |
| 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. | NM Program Success - Green Schoolyards Presentation <i>Rachel Pringle (Earth Islands Institute, CA)</i> |
| 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. | Group Support Breakouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What things from the talk resonated with you? ● Do you have any similar programs in your state? ● Name a top program success in your state this year ● Are there any ways this committee can work on any issues brought up during this discussion? Work groups? Workplan items? |
| 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. | Wrap Up <i>Alyssa O'Brien, Chair (NM)</i> |

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| Thursday, March 26, 2026 | |
| Theme: Updates | |
| 12:00 – 12:15 p.m. | Meeting Welcome and Agenda Overview <i>Alyssa O'Brien, Chair (NM)</i> |
| 12:15 – 12:30 p.m. | Arbor Day Update <i>Eric North (Arbor Day Foundation)</i> |
| 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. | Urban and Community Forestry Society Update <i>Leslie Berkes (Urban and Community Forestry Society)</i> |
| 1:00 – 1:15 p.m. | Break |
| 1:15 – 1:45 p.m. | Southern Group of State Foresters <i>Seth Hawkins (GA)</i> |
| 1:45 – 2:15 p.m. | American Forest Update <i>Alana Tucker/Jake Simon</i> |



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| 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. | Group Support Breakouts – Program Struggles <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What things from the talks resonated with you?• Name a top program concern in your state this year or area you need help with?• Are there any ways this committee can work on any issues brought up during this discussion? Work groups? Workplan items? |
| 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Wrap Up and Work Plan Discussion <i>Alyssa O'Brien, Chair (NM)</i> |