

NACD WINDS WATER & WILDFIRES SUMMIT - WEST

May 6, 2021

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
NATIONAL COHESIVE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

WY – NACD - WESTERN COHESIVE STRATEGY REGION - (Mountain time zone)

- 8:30-9:00 LEADERSHIP WELCOME - Ann Walker, NACD Wildfire Program Coordinator (Facilitator)
Michael Crowder, NACD President
Chris French, USDA, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment
INTRODUCTIONS - Mike Henn, District Manager, Sublette County Conservation District, WY & Robb Sgroi, Land Resources Specialist, Teton Conservation District, WY
NACD Region Reps - Rachel Theler, Southwest Region & Ariel Rivers, PhD, Pacific Region
Forestry RPG Reps - Steve Hedstrom, Montana; Doug Rushton, Washington; Keith Bartholomay, North Dakota
Wildland Fire Leadership Council - Western Region Coordinator - Katie Lighthall
- 9:00-9:30 COHESIVE STRATEGY 101 & HOW-TO APPLY IT IN THE WEST - Katie Lighthall & Ann Walker
- 9:30-10:30 PANEL 1 SHOWCASE HOST-WYOMING CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IMPLEMENTING THE GOALS OF THE COHESIVE STRATEGY - Moderator-Hunter Petsch, Executive Director, WY Association of Conservation Districts
A Collaborative Approach to Catastrophic Wildfire Working in Sublette County-Mike Henn
Teton Area Wildfire Protection Coalition, Teton Conservation District - Robb Sgroi
Wildfire Response:
Jackson Hole Fire/EMS - Kathy Clay, Battalion Chief Fire Marshal
Land Natural Resource Management:
WY State Forestry Division - Barry Tye, District Forester
WY Game and Fish Department- Jill Randall, Statewide Migration Coordinator
Sublette County Weed and Pest District - Julie Kraft, Supervisor
US Forest Service - Bridger Teton NF - Chad Hayward, Natural Resource Specialist
Q & A - Guided Discussion - Focus on Action (facilitated by Ann Walker)
- 10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 PANEL 2 EXPANDING CONSERVATION DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS - BUILDING RESILIENT, HEALTHY HABITATS AND LANDSCAPES TOGETHER - Moderator-Ariel Rivers, PhD, NACD Pacific Region Representative

US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management - John Ruhs, Idaho State Director

US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service - Astor Boozer, Western Regional Conservationist; Heidi Ramsey, NRCS Liaison to the Western Governors' Association

Federal Emergency Management Assistance, Region 8 - Logan Sand, Community Planner, Risk Analysis Branch, Mitigation Division; National Fire Protection Association - Megan Fitzgerald-McGowan, Program Specialist, Firewise USA

National Wild Turkey Federation - Patricia Dorsey, Director of Conservation Operations - West

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12:00-12:30 LUNCH BREAK

12:30-2:00 PANEL 3 CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN ACTION, ADVANCING THEIR ROLE IN ASSISTING COMMUNITIES PREPARE FOR AND RECOVER FROM DISASTER-RELATED EVENTS - Moderator-Rachel Theler, NACD Southwest Representative

ARIZONA - Arizona Association of Conservation Districts - Chris Lutz, Timmons Group filling in for Deborah Smith, Executive Director State-level Planning-Resilient Landscapes & Networking Opportunities

OREGON - Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District - Lisa Kilders, Education & Outreach Program Manager

CALIFORNIA - GUNS & HOSES - Honey Lake Valley RCD - Laurie Tippin; Sierra RCD - Steve Haze, District Manager - Conservation district capacity, local relationships, and coordination with emergency response

WASHINGTON - Okanogan Conservation District - Craig Nelson, Executive Director - Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation team development and coordination

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2:00-3:00 Q & A SESSION - IDENTIFY POST-SUMMIT ACTIONS - POLICY UPDATE - WRAP UP - Ann Walker

Thank you for your valuable participation! To contact summit host, please email Ann Walker at: annwalkerconsulting@yahoo.com