



## CWSF Good Neighbor Authority Committee 2024 Annual Meeting

April 2-4, 2024 | Graduate Tucson | Tucson, AZ

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**Attire:** Business Casual

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<b>Meeting Room: Button 2</b>	
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast (provided)</b>
8:00 - 8:20 a.m.	<b>Welcome, Agenda Overview, and Introductions</b> <i>Trevor McConchie (Chair, WA) and Christine Mares (Incoming Chair, AZ)</i>
8:20 - 8:50 a.m.	<b>Host State Welcome and Land Acknowledgement</b> <i>Tom Torres (State Forester, AZ) and Kerwin Dewberry (Coronado Forest Supervisor, USDA Forest Service)</i>
8:50 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>2024 Committee Work Plan: Accomplishments Reporting</b> <i>Kyle Sullivan-Astor (Secretary, OR) and Data Workgroup</i> The CWSF GNA Committee Data Workgroup will summarize their efforts and the data-gathering questions they developed to create the 2023 Western State Forestry Agencies GNA Accomplishments Report. Workgroup members and others on the GNA Committee will explore opportunities to refine and improve the questions for the next iteration of the report.
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>2024 Committee Work Plan: Accomplishments Reporting Cont.</b> <i>Kyle Sullivan-Astor (Secretary, OR) and Data Workgroup</i>
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>2024 Committee Work Plan: State-to-State GNA Agreements</b> <i>Greg Archie (MT) and State-to-State Agreements Workgroup</i> The CWSF GNA Committee State-to-State Agreements Workgroup will summarize their progress to explore the potential for state-to-state GNA



	<p>agreements. Workgroup members and others on the GNA Committee will examine opportunities for state-to-state agreement pilots, discuss information needs in an agreement template, and address questions.</p>
<p>11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Understanding Indirect Rates &amp; GNA</b> <i>Trevor McConchie (Chair, WA)</i> CWSF GNA Committee members will share how indirect rates are applied to GNA agreements within their states, explore outstanding questions about indirect rates and GNA, and discuss the potential conflicting function of indirect rates and GNA revenue.</p>
<p>12:00 - 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Lunch (provided)</b></p>
<p>1:00 - 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Examining Western State Forestry Agencies GNA Financial Plans</b> <i>Matt West (WA) and Jon Songster (ID)</i> CWSF GNA Committee members from each state will bring a GNA financial plan to compare and contrast information between the plans, identify opportunities for consistency, discuss questions, and share lessons learned, successes and challenges, and pitfalls to avoid.</p>
<p>2:45 - 3:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p>3:15 - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>State Forestry Agency GNA Organization Structures</b> <i>Christine Mares (Incoming Chair, AZ)</i> CWSF GNA Committee members will conduct information sharing and peer learning to understand state forestry agency GNA organizations, constraints, and best practices for GNA authority executions.</p>
<p>4:30 - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Reflections, Ideas for Action, and Day's Adjournment</b> <i>Trevor McConchie (Chair, WA) and Christine Mares (Incoming Chair, AZ)</i> CWSF GNA Committee members will share reflections from the day's topics and conversations and discuss ideas for next steps and actions following the annual meeting.</p>
<p>Evening</p>	<p><b>Optional Networking Event (onsite, all meeting attendees are welcome)</b> All meeting attendees will meet at The Moonstone on the 14th floor of the Graduate Tucson.</p>



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8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview</b> <i>Trevor McConchie (Chair, WA) and Christine Mares (Incoming Chair, AZ)</i>
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	<b>State Forester Panel</b> <i>Craig Foss (ID), Tom Torres (AZ), and George Geissler (WA)</i> CWSF GNA Committee members and other meeting attendees will engage in discussion with a panel of State Foresters about GNA implementation in western states and regions.
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Policy Update</b> <i>Neil Simpson (CWSF/WFLC)</i> The CWSF Director of Policy will share national policy and legislative items with potential implications for GNA. Q&A and dialogue will follow the presentation.
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.	<b>USDA Forest Service Washington Office Updates</b> <i>Robert Barnhart (USDA Forest Service)</i>
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Partnering through GNA to achieve landscape-scale restoration</b> <i>Elvy Barton (Water and Forest Sustainability Manager, Salt River Project)</i> Salt River Project, a power and water provider in the Phoenix Metro Area, utilizes a unique partnership with the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (AZ DFFM) through GNA to achieve forest restoration objectives on National Forest System lands. This partnership is helping to address many barriers to landscape-scale restoration, like partner capacity and limited funding.
12:15 p.m.	<b>Depart Hotel for Field Tour (separate agenda)</b>
1:15 - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch (offsite, provided)</b>



5:00 p.m.	<b>Return from Field Tour</b>
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<b>Thursday, April 4</b> <b>Proposed Attendees:</b> Western state forestry agency GNA leads, State Foresters, CWSF/WFLC staff, and invited USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other partners <b>Meeting Room: Button 2</b>	
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8:00 - 8:10 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Agenda Overview</b> <i>Trevor McConchie (Chair, WA) and Christine Mares (Incoming Chair, AZ)</i>
8:10 - 8:55 a.m.	<b>Bureau of Land Management Updates</b> <i>John Ring (Bureau of Land Management)</i>
8:55 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>GNA Problem Solving: Arizona Presentations</b> <i>Speakers: AZ DFFM</i> A panel of AZ DFFM staff will present an overview of several GNA challenges they encountered during implementation, followed by a full group discussion, peer learning, and problem-solving session to address the challenges.
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	<b>Meeting Reflections and Actions</b>
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment</b> <i>Trevor McConchie (Chair, WA) and Christine Mares (Incoming Chair, AZ)</i>