



2025 CWSF Forest Health Committee Annual Meeting

September 30 - October 1, 2025

Location: The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held virtually from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. MDT each day.

Meeting Attendees: CWSF Forest Health Committee (FHC) members, Western USDA Forest Service Forest Health Program representatives, CWSF staff, and invited speakers.

Tuesday, September 30	
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Introductions, Agenda Preview, and Ice Breaker <i>Harrison Brookes (Chair, WY)</i> Attendees will provide their name, title, agency, and one takeaway that they would like to see from the annual meeting.
1:30 - 1:50 p.m.	Overview of the Council of Western State Foresters (CWSF) and the FHC <i>Kelsey Delaney (CWSF)</i> Attendees will hear a brief overview of CWSF and a background about the FHC. Q&A will follow.
1:50 - 2:40 p.m.	USDA Forest Service Washington D.C. Office (WO) Forest Health Program Updates <i>Eric Sprague (USDA Forest Service WO)</i> Eric Sprague, USDA Forest Service Forest Health Protection Acting Director, will share updates and recent activities about the USDA Forest Service WO Forest Health Program. Q&A and dialogue will follow his remarks.
2:40 - 3:00 p.m.	Break

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	FHC Lightning Round <i>Tony Seidl (Secretary, SD)</i> Each FHC member will share remarks up to five minutes in response to the following prompt questions: 1. What is one success your program has achieved this year? 2. What is one forest pest that is currently or potentially affecting trees in your state? a. What is your FHP's response? b. What resources does your FHP need to effectively manage this pest? 3. Beyond traditional suppression methods, what actions are needed to promote long-term forest resilience to insect and disease outbreaks? 4. This Committee is a valuable resource for individual state programs; what is one forest health topic or area of focus that could benefit your program?
4:00 - 4:50 p.m.	Working Across Boundaries to Accomplish Aerial Surveys <i>Jason Moan (Vice-chair, AK), Andy Graves (R3)</i> The goals of this session are to gauge support and capacity for aerial detection surveys at the western state and Pacific island levels, discuss interest in and/or barriers to sharing resources between state or USDA Forest Service regions, and determine possible needs to improve the value, support, or data collected.
4:50 - 5:00 p.m.	Day's Adjournment <i>Harrison Brookes (Chair, WY)</i>

Wednesday, October 1	
1:30 - 1:40 p.m.	Welcome and Agenda Preview <i>Harrison Brookes (Chair, WY)</i>
1:40 - 2:15 p.m.	National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Forest Science & Health (FS&H) Committee Updates <i>Bob Simpson (NASF)</i> Bob Simpson, NASF staff to the FS&H Committee, will share updates and recent activities by the NASF FS&H Committee. Q&A and dialogue will follow his remarks.
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.	Forest Health Monitoring and the 2025 Conditions Report <i>Harrison Brookes (Chair, WY), Simone Lim-Hing (Assistant Research Professor at NCSU, Co-operator at USFS-EFETAC)</i>



	A presentation on current efforts by the USDA Forest Service Forest Health Management Program to improve the framework for forest health monitoring at a national scale. Specifically, an indicator family approach, highlighting the interacting agents and processes while supporting a holistic forest narrative.
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3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	Develop 2026 FHC Work Plan <i>Jason Moan (Vice-chair, AK), Tony Seidl (Secretary, SD), Aly McAlexander (Past-chair, AZ)</i> FHC members will discuss the 2025 Work Plan accomplishments and develop a proposed 2026 Work Plan.
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	Reflections and Meeting Adjournment <i>Harrison Brookes (Chair, WY)</i>