Council of Western State Foresters
2023 Good Neighbor Authority Task Force
Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 20 - Thursday, June 22, 2023 | Issaquah, WA
Hilton Garden Inn Seattle/Issaquah (1800 NW Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, WA)

Please note that the meeting will take place in the Catterall Bergsma room.

Tuesday, June 20, 2023
12:30 to 5:00 p.m. (Arrive Tuesday Morning)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	**Welcome and Introductions** Trevor McConchie (WA) **Welcome from the State of Washington** George Geissler, State Forester (WA)
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	**Land Acknowledgement and Tribal Welcome (Tentative)** **Lightning Round** (9-10 presentations @ 5-8 minutes each) Laura Wagner, Director of Agency Coordination (CWSF) ● Cross-Boundary Projects, Successes & Challenges
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	● Non-timber Sale Projects (invasive treatments, habitat restoration, monitoring)
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	**Break** **Work Plan Review and Discussion** Laura Wagner, Director of Agency Coordination (CWSF) ● **Purpose & Mission of the Group (small group discussion)**
4:15 – 4:45 p.m.	● **Committee Structure & Charter Discussion**
4:45 – 5:00 p.m.	**Olympic Peninsula GNA Presentation** **Closing/Overview/Action Items** Candace Oldenburg (WY)

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Wednesday, June 21, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast (provided at hotel, Catterall Bergsma room)**
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	**Welcome and Agenda Overview** Jon Songster (ID) **Keynote from State Forester Advisor** Craig Foss, State Forester (ID)
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	**Panel Discussion - Challenges and Opportunities in State and Federal Forestry Collaboration** *Kyle Sullivan-Astor, Facilitator (OR)* Cal Mukumoto, State Forester (OR); George Geissler, State Forester (WA); Craig Foss, State Forester (ID)
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	**Integrating Counties, Tribes, and Forest/district USFS into Good Neighbor** Jason Robison, Land and Resources Officer, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Tom, Skamania County
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	**Break**
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	**GNA Program Updates from WO and Q&A** Rob Barnhart, Gavin Smith (USDA Forest Service, Washington Office)
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.	**Lunch (Provided at hotel, Catterall Bergsma room)**
1:30 – 5:30 p.m.	**Field Tour** ● Snoqualmie Point ● Bandera and Rockwood Sales ● Tinkham Road Project
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Optional Evening Networking Event

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Thursday, June 22, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast (Provided at hotel, Catterall Bergsma room)**
8:00 – 8:15 a.m.	**Welcome and Agenda Overview** Neil Simpson (MT)
8:15 – 8:45 a.m.	**Farm Bill Update** Kelsey Delaney, Director of Programs and Partnerships (CWSF)
8:45 – 10:45 a.m.	**The Business Plan for Starting a GNA Program?** (small group discussion & report out) "GNA Starter Pack?" ● **Federal Forest Planning Efforts & GNA** ● **Goal setting for GNA vs Random Acts of Conservation** ● **Agreement planning: How do they all fit together?**
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	**Break**
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**Agreement Types - Dialog among States** Trevor McConchie (WA), Kyle Sullivan-Astor (OR), Jon Songster (ID), Candace Oldenburg (WY) Consistent process across the states/regions - what are some successful ways to develop a financial plan, what are the best agreement types, what is the best method and strategy to develop agreements collaboratively and efficiently
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	**Lunch (provided at hotel, Catterall Bergsma room)**
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	**Planning & NEPA with GNA (NEPA 101), Q&A** John Perry, DNR Environmental Planning Program Manager (WA) Jon Songster (ID), Kyle Sullivan-Astor (OR)
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	**Consistency in State Accomplishment Reporting (breakout groups)** Neil Simpson (MT)
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	**Break**
3:00 – 3:45 p.m.	**State-to-state Agreements** Trevor McConchie (WA)
3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	**"Under the hood" Day Debrief**
4:30 – 5:00 p.m.	**Closing/Overview/Action Items** Trevor McConchie (WA)