



CWSF Good Neighbor Authority Committee 2025 Annual Meeting

June 10-12, 2025 | Chemeketa Eola | Salem, OR

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 Meeting Attendees: Western state forestry agency Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) leads, State Foresters, and CWSF/WFLC staff

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Attire: Business Casual

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8:00 - 8:20 a.m.	Welcome, Agenda Overview, and Introductions <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Vice-Chair and Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>
8:20 - 8:50 a.m.	Oregon Welcome <i>Kyle Williams, ODF Deputy Director and Jacque Buchanan, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Regional Forester</i>
8:50 - 9:20 a.m.	CWSF Policy Update <i>Neil Simpson (CWSF)</i>
9:20 - 9:35 a.m.	Break
9:35 - 11:00 a.m.	State-to-State Discussion: Taking Stock of Federal Policy Changes <i>Jacob Pederson (NM)</i> CWSF GNA committee members will review 2025 federal policy changes, discuss changes on GNA programs, and exchange information on how states are adapting to new conditions.
11:00 - 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 - 12:00 p.m.	2025 Workplan: Standardizing GNA Agreements <i>Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided)



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1:00 - 1:45 p.m.	2025 Workplan: Standardizing GNA Agreements continued <i>Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>
1:45 - 2:45 p.m.	2025 Committee Work Plan: State-to-State GNA Agreements <i>Lezlee Johnson (ND)</i> State-to-state Workgroup members will share their work on a potential multi-state agreement proposal based on a model fire compact agreement.
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 - 4:45 p.m.	2025 Workplan: Barriers to Effective Communication Workgroup Update <i>Amanda Morrison (SD)</i> Communication Workgroup members will present a 'toolkit' approach to breaking down barriers to effective communication and seek input from committee members on additional items to include in the 'toolkit'. Committee members will also help identify items that may need further exploration and provide suggestions for next steps and actions.
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	Reflections, Ideas for Action, and Day's Adjournment <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Vice-Chair and Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</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.
Evening	Optional Networking Event (offsite, all meeting attendees are welcome) The Yard

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8:20 - 9:20 a.m.	State Forester Panel 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.



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9:20 - 10:00 a.m.	USDA Forest Service Washington Office Updates
10:00 - 10:20 a.m.	Break
10:20 - 11:00 a.m.	Bureau of Land Management Updates
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Depart for Field Tour (separate agenda)
12:15 - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch (offsite, provided), Estacada, OR Presentation: Bridging the gap between resilient forests and affordable housing <i>Oregon Mass Timber Coalition: Marcus Kauffman (ODF Biomass Specialist)</i>
1:00 - 1:45 p.m.	Sauter Timber
1:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Drive to Car GNA Timber Sale, Mt. Hood National Forest
2:15 - 3:45 p.m.	Successes and Challenges with the Car GNA Timber Sale <i>Kyle Sullivan, Jennifer Erdmann, Neil Kissler (Interfor)</i>
5:15 p.m.	Return from Field Tour
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8:00 - 8:05 a.m.	Welcome and Agenda Overview <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Vice-Chair and Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>
8:05 - 10:15 a.m.	GNA Problem Solving: Oregon Field Leadership <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Vice-Chair and ODF Federal Forest Restoration Program staff</i>



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	A panel of ODF staff will present an overview of several challenges they encountered during implementation, followed by a full group discussion, peer learning, and problem-solving session to address the challenges.
10:15 - 11:30 a.m.	Successful Together: Partnering with Nonprofits, Forest Industry, and Contractors under the Good Neighbor Authority <i>Vernita Ediger (Sustainable Northwest), Andy Geissler (American Forest Resource Council), Amanda Sullivan-Astor (Oregon Society of American Foresters/Associated Oregon Loggers)</i>
11:30 - 11:55 a.m.	Meeting Reflections and Action Items
11:55 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Vice-Chair and Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>