



## CWSF Good Neighbor Authority Committee 2025 Annual Meeting

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

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**Attire:** Business Casual

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8:00 - 8:20 a.m.	<b>Welcome, Agenda Overview, and Introductions</b> <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Vice-Chair, and Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>
8:20 - 8:50 a.m.	<b>Oregon Welcome</b> <i>Kyle Williams, ODF Deputy Director, and Jacque Buchanan, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Regional Forester</i>
8:50 - 9:20 a.m.	<b>State-to-State Discussion: Taking Stock of Federal Policy Changes</b> <i>Jacob Pederson (NM)</i> CWSF GNA committee members will review 2025 federal policy changes, discuss changes in GNA programs, and exchange information on how states are adapting to new conditions.
9:20 - 9:35 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
9:35 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>State-to-State Discussion: Taking Stock of Federal Policy Changes (continued)</b> <i>Jacob Pederson (NM)</i>
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>2025 Committee Work Plan: State-to-State GNA Agreements</b> <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.
11:00 - 11:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>



11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>2025 Committee Work Plan: Standardizing GNA Agreements</b> <i>Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>2025 Committee Work Plan: Standardizing GNA Agreements (continued)</b> <i>Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>
1:30 - 3:15 p.m.	<b>Bureau of Land Management (BLM) GNA Grants Management Learning Session</b> <i>Stephanie McBride, BLM Grants Management Specialist</i> BLM will conduct a learning session focused on BLM GNA, start to finish, from the grants management perspective/steps. The session intends to provide clarity around BLM GNA GMO processes, clarity around can/can nots, and areas of discretion in GMO decision-making, etc. A Q&A will follow the presentation.
3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:30 - 4:45 p.m.	<b>2025 Committee Work Plan: Barriers to Effective Communication Workgroup Update</b> <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 needing further exploration and provide suggestions for next steps and actions.
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Reflections, Ideas for Action, and Day's Adjournment</b> <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	<b>Optional Networking Event (offsite, all meeting attendees are welcome)</b> The Yard

### Wednesday, June 11

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8:00 - 8:10 a.m.	<b>Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview</b> <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Vice-Chair, and Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>
8:10 - 9:10 a.m.	<b>State Forester Panel</b> 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.
9:10 - 9:50 a.m.	<b>USDA Forest Service Washington Office Updates</b> <i>Robert Barnhart, USDA Forest Service National Stewardship Contracting and GNA Coordinator</i>
9:50 - 10:05 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:05 - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Bureau of Land Management Workgroup Discussion</b>
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Pack Up and Depart for Field Tour</b> Meeting participants will depart from Chemeketa Eola. Meeting participants will need to come to the meeting prepared to depart from the meeting location.
11:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.	<b>Travel to Timber Park</b>
12:20 - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch at Timber Park, Estacada, OR (provided)</b> This stop will include bathrooms.
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Travel to Car GNA Timber Sale, Mt. Hood National Forest</b>
1:30 - 3:20 p.m.	<b>Successes and Challenges with the Car GNA Timber Sale</b> <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Jennifer Erdmann, Neil Kissler, Interfor</i>
3:20 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Return from Field Tour</b>
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<b>Thursday, June 12</b> <b>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:</b> Chemeketa Eola, 215 Doaks Ferry Rd NW, Salem, OR 97304   Pinot Noir Room Coffee and snacks provided, breakfast on your own	
8:00 - 8:05 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Agenda Overview</b> <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Vice-Chair, and Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>
8:05 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>GNA Problem Solving: Oregon Field Leadership</b> <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Vice-Chair, and ODF Federal Forest Restoration Program staff</i> 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.	<b>Successful Together: Partnering with Nonprofits, Forest Industry, and Contractors under the Good Neighbor Authority</b> <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.	<b>Meeting Reflections and Action Items</b> <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Vice-Chair, and Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>
11:55 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment</b> <i>Kyle Sullivan (OR), Vice-Chair, and Christine Mares (AZ), Chair</i>