2026 WFLC & CWSF Fall Meeting

December 2-4, 2026 | Hall of the States | Washington, D.C.

**Wednesday, December 2	Council of Western State Foresters Meeting** **Attendees**: Western State and Pacific Island Foresters and senior staff, and State Forester associations' staff **Attire**: Formal for Hill Visits **Meeting:** Hall of the States, 444 North Capitol St NW, Washington, D.C. 20001 **Room:** 383/85	
Morning	**Breakfast (Not Provided)**
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	**Welcome and Policy Briefing** *Neil Simpson (CWSF)* Members will be briefed on the day's agenda and coordinate before departing for scheduled meetings.
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	**Hill Visits and Leadership Engagement** State Foresters will participate in meetings with members of Congress and their staff to discuss regional forestry priorities, recent accomplishments, and elevate state needs. Meetings may also be arranged with Forest Service and other partners throughout the day. **Itinerary** A full itinerary, including meeting schedules and logistical details, will be provided to participants closer to the meeting date. If you have state staff making arrangements for you, please indicate that when you register to attend. NASF Executive Committee members and Committee Chairs are noted as already having prior commitments on Wednesday. **Between Meetings** The meeting room will be available for use throughout the day; however, please note that lunch will not be provided. Please grab lunch off-site or bring something to the meeting room.
Evening	**Optional Social Activity** Attendees are welcome to meet in the lobby of the Kimpton George Hotel to make dinner plans and coordinate evening activities in groups. Dinner is otherwise on your own. Note: Great American Christmas Market will take place at the USDA Whitten Building on the National Mall from 3:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | Council of Western State Foresters **Attendees**: Western State and Pacific Island Foresters and senior staff, and State Forester associations' staff and representatives (CWSF and NASF) **Attire**: Business Casual **Meeting:** Hall of the States, 444 North Capitol St NW, Washington, D.C. 20001 **Room:** 383/85	
Morning	**Breakfast (Not Provided)**
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	**Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview** *Laura McCarthy (NM, CWSF Chair) and Danielle Okst (CWSF/WFLC)*
8:15 - 9:00 a.m.	**Debrief from Week's Meetings** Members to share any notable information from meetings the days prior for general awareness and any follow-up needed from CWSF staff.
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	**Business Session** CWSF members and staff will discuss the financial report, 2027 budget, membership dues, future meeting planning, and other member business. Several agenda items will require formal consideration and approval by a membership vote.
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	**Break**
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	**Business Session (closed)** CWSF members and CWSF Executive Director will convene for a closed business session.
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	**Lunch (Provided)**
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	**CWSF Committee Accomplishments and Work Plan Approval** *Committee chairs/representatives (presenting virtually) and CWSF Staff Liaisons* CWSF committee chairs will present short updates to CWSF members about their respective committees' accomplishments from their 2026 work plans, discuss proposed actions and tasks for 2027, and engage in dialogue with members about key priorities and issues to maintain alignment with CWSF member interests. This session will include: Forest Stewardship, Pacific Island Forestry Committee, Forest Products Committee, and Forest Health

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	**Break**
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	**EPIC Forest and Fire Technology Collaborative Update and Dialogue** *Cole Von Glahn and Reed Van Beveren (Environmental Policy and Innovation Center (EPIC))* Representatives from the EPIC will provide a progress update on their Forestry & Fire Technology Collaborative (FFTC) that commenced this year with Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. EPIC speakers will summarize the findings from the Data Landscape and Interoperability Goals for Hazardous Fuels Report, which tracks data practices and interoperability across local, state, and federal data stewardship levels in the three states, and outline their next steps for the FFTC pilot, including a tentative Spring 2027 convening.
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	**Parking Lot Items, Meeting Wrap-up, and Adjournment** *Laura McCarthy (NM, CWSF Chair)*
Evening	**Optional Social Activity** Informal social gathering at nearby location TBA. Dinner on your own.

Friday, December 4 | Western Forestry Leadership Coalition

Attendees: Western State and Pacific Island Foresters and senior staff, USDA Forest Service WFLC members, Washington Office leaders, and invited partners
Attire: Business Casual
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Morning	**Breakfast (Not Provided)**
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	**Morning Welcome and Agenda Overview** *Laura McCarthy (NM, CWSF Chair)*
8:15 - 10:15 a.m.	**USDA Forest Service Updates and Dialogue** ● Change Management related to Federal / State Cooperative Forestry Programs *Chad Davis (SPTF R5, R6, & R10)* ● Shared Stewardship 2.0 progress and future opportunities through Good Neighbor and other authorities *Danny McBride (SPTF R1, R3, & R4)* ● Grants and Agreements – Future Stewardship of Grants and Agreements, Expectations for Emerging Funding Opportunities *Todd Neel (SPTF R2)*

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	**Break**
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	**Outcome Performance Metrics - Updates and Continued State Coordination** *Richard Barhydt (Rocky Mountain Research Station), Patrick Wright (California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force), Sarah Caldwell and James Puerini (Climate and Wildfire Institute)* Meeting attendees will hear progress updates on Outcome-Based Change Metrics. This includes brief updates from the USDA Forest Service Research & Development following their September FY 2025 metrics webinar. Patrick from the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force will also introduce representatives from the Climate and Wildfire Institute to discuss their upcoming efforts to explore the adoption of aligned outcome metrics and solicit initial feedback from western states.
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	**CWSF/WFLC Committee Accomplishments and Work Plan Approval** *Committee chairs/representatives (presenting virtually) and CWSF Staff Liaisons* CWSF/WFLC committee chairs will present brief updates to CWSF/WFLC members about their respective committees' accomplishments from their 2026 work plans, discuss proposed actions and tasks for 2027, and engage in dialogue with members on key priorities and issues to ensure alignment with CWSF/WFLC members' interests. This session will include: Western State Fire Managers, Western Urban and Community Forestry, and Good Neighbor Authority
12:30 - 12:35 p.m.	**Wrap-up and Meeting Adjournment** *Laura McCarthy (NM, CWSF Chair) and Danielle Okst (CWSF/WFLC)*