



2026 Forest Health and Forest Stewardship Annual Meetings

September 29 - October 1, 2026

Robert B. Atwood Building 550 W 7th Ave | Anchorage, AK 99501 | Rooms 102 and 104

Attendees: CWSF Forest Health Committee (FHC) and Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) Committee members, State Foresters, CWSF staff, and invited USDA Forest Service representatives and partners.

Tuesday, September 29 Morning Session: Combined FHC and FSP Committee Meeting Afternoon Session: Separate FHC and FSP Committee Meetings Attire: Business casual	
8:00 - 8:05 a.m.	Welcome and Agenda Preview <i>Jason Moan (AK, FHC Chair), Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair)</i>
8:05 - 8:10 a.m.	Welcome to Alaska: State Forester Remarks <i>Jeremy Douse, Alaska State Forester/Ashley List, Deputy Director, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DFFP)</i>
8:10 - 8:40 a.m.	State Forester and USDA Forest Service (USFS) Leadership Roundtable <i>Marcus Warnke (SD), Jeremy Douse (AK), Kelly Norris (WY), Chad Davis (USFS)</i> State Foresters and Forest Service leaders will discuss the Forest Stewardship and the Forest Health programs, and how they integrate with other programs and priorities.
8:40 - 9:15 a.m.	FHC and FSP Committee Introductions <i>Jason Moan (AK, FHC Chair), Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair)</i>
9:15 - 9:35 a.m.	National Policy Updates and Discussion <i>Neil Simpson (CWSF/WFLC)</i> This session will provide an overview of key federal forestry policy developments and emerging issues. The briefing will be followed by time for discussion and questions.
9:35 - 10:00 a.m.	Group Discussion: USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) Terms & Conditions, OMB CFR Changes <i>Facilitated by Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair) and DFFP staff.</i> Group discussion about how these changes have impacted states' work and whether they have led to any changes in how states are delivering the Forest Health or Forest Stewardship program.
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Break

10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	Panel and Case Study: From Forest Disturbance to Landowner Action - Working Together to Reach Private Forest Landowners <i>Jason Moan (AK, FHC Chair), Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair), DFFP Forest Stewardship Program Staff</i> Cross-Program Coordination: What's working and where are the gaps?	
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	Overview and Status of Forest Service Reporting Databases such as SMART, SMARTar, ForHealth, and NIC Portal <i>Erik Castello (CO, FSP Secretary), Jeremy Peichel (USFS)</i> Overview and discussion on the status, challenges, and future considerations of USFS reporting databases, including SMART, SMARTar, ForHealth, and the NIC Portal.	
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Field Tour Logistics <i>Jason Moan (AK, FHC Chair) and Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair)</i> Alaska staff to share logistic details and plans for the field tour.	
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch (On your own; see reference list of nearby recommendations)	
	Forest Health Committee	Forest Stewardship Committee
	1:15 - 1:25 p.m. Welcome and Agenda Preview <i>Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> 1:25 - 1:55 p.m. USDA Forest Service Forest Health Program Updates <i>Sky Stephens (USFS)</i> A Forest Service Forest Health Program (FHP) member will share national updates and recent activity with meeting attendees. 1:55 - 2:55 p.m. 2026 Work Plan: Forest Health Reporting Metrics <i>Aly McAlexander (AZ)</i> The FHC Forest Health Reporting Metrics workgroup will share updates on the progress of the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) ForHealth Metrics Interpretations Work Group. A full-group Q&A and discussion will follow to gather	1:15 - 2:10 p.m. State Round Robin <i>Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, Chair)</i> 5-10 minutes per state: • Biggest success of 2026 • Biggest challenge of 2026 • One innovative idea you're working on or have succeeded with. 2:10 - 2:30 p.m. Break 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Forest Service Updates <i>Aaron Lumley (USFS)</i> A Forest Service representative to share national updates and Forest Stewardship related news. 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. Natural Resources Conservation Service and Forest Stewardship Plan Integration

	FHC members' ideas on improving NASF Forest Health Performance Metrics. 2:55 - 3:10 p.m. Break 3:10 - 4:40 p.m. 2026 Work Plan: Aerial Survey Whitepaper <i>Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> The FHC Aerial Survey workgroup will conduct a full FHC round-robin discussion to explore predetermined questions and gather information to develop the aerial survey white paper following the 2026 Annual Meeting. 4:40 - 5:00 p.m. Meeting Reflections, Bin Items, and Day's Adjournment <i>Tony Seidl (SD, Vice Chair)</i> FHC members will share reflections from the day's topics, address any bin items for additional discussion, and adjourn for the day.	<i>Chris Tcimpidis (NRCS Alaska State Forester), Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, Chair), Forest Stewardship Program staff; Chugachmuit forest management staff.</i> Stewardship Plans may not meet Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) planning standards, and this discussion will explore how NRCS policy intersects with Alaska's unique landowner needs to refine our process. An Alaska case study will be presented highlighting some of the on-the-ground work facilitated by Forest Stewardship Plans. This will be followed by a group discussion about the state-NRCS partnership. 3:45 - 4:00 p.m. Break 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Prep for Thursday's business meeting <i>Neil Simpson (CWSF/WFLC)</i> This session will cover business session and work plan requirements in preparation for Friday's Work Plan Alignment Session and Committee Business 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Meeting Reflections and Days Adjournment <i>Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, Chair)</i> FSP members will share reflections from the day's topics, address any bin items for additional discussion, and adjourn for the day.
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Wednesday, September 30 Full Day: Combined FHC and FSP Committee Meeting Field Tour Attire: Field Attire	
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	<i>Load vehicles and depart the Robert B. Atwood building</i>
8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	Travel to Valley of the Moon Park
8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Valley of the Moon Invasive Species Detection/Management: Pests & Plants. Invasive chokecherries in riparian area demonstration site; larch casebearer.
9:15 - 9:45 a.m.	Travel to McHugh Creek Trailhead
9:45 - 10:30 a.m.	McHugh Creek Trailhead Overview of forest management in Alaska State Parks. Post-fire reforestation. (restroom available). Self-guided tour after Alaska State Parks presentation.
10:30 - 10:50 a.m.	Travel to Hillside Fuel Break
10:50 - 11:45 a.m.	Hillside Fuel Break WUI protection and fuels management discussion. DFFP Area Forester and Fuels staff will discuss a strategic fuel break located in a high-value/high-risk neighborhood.
11:45 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.	Travel to Camp Gorsuch
12:25 - 1:45 p.m.	Camp Gorsuch (lunch provided) Staff will discuss how Forest Stewardship Plans helped the Boy Scout camp conduct Firewise assessments and translate planning into implementation.
1:45 - 2:20 p.m.	Travel to Government Hill Commons
2:20 - 2:45 p.m.	Government Hill Commons Growing fruit trees in a sub-arctic environment.
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Return travel to Robert B. Atwood Building and conclude the field tour.

Thursday, October 1 Morning Session: Combined FHC and FSP Committee Meeting Afternoon Session: Separate FHC and FSP Committee Meetings Attire: Business casual



8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Meeting Welcome and Agenda Preview <i>Jason Moan (AK, FHC Chair), Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair)</i>	
8:15 - 9:00 a.m.	Utility Workgroup Discussion: Forest Health, Private Forests, Utility Work <i>Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, FSP Chair)</i> This will be a presentation from DFFP staff with group discussion to follow.	
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Alaska Case Study: Invasive Tree Removal on Private Property	
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Break	
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Strategies for Programmatic Collaboration Round Robin <i>Tony Seidl (SD, FHC Vice Chair)</i> Invasive Species/EDRR - Each state will report the integration of forest health and forest stewardship regarding invasive species. Aiming to cover at least one plant and one insect from each state. - Prompt questions: - How does your state use early detection/rapid response? - How does your state's Forest Health and Stewardship program/personnel coordinate on landowner outreach for invasive species? Outreach and Education - Each state will report on collaborative efforts for public outreach and education, other than invasive species management. Forest Health - Each state will report another collaborative effort between their FHP and FSP for insect and disease management, other than invasive species management. - Prompt questions: - How is information shared between programs? Shared databases, internal meetings/reports, upon request, other means? Accomplishments and Challenges - Each state will report on any accomplishments or challenges tied to programmatic collaboration. - Prompt questions - What are the barriers or hurdles that make collaboration difficult? - Has this week's meeting opened up any new opportunities for collaboration?	
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
	Forest Health Committee	Forest Stewardship Committee

	12:30 - 12:35 p.m. Agenda Preview <i>Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> 12:35 - 1:35 p.m. Forest Health Integration with Forest Inventory and Analysis <i>Speaker: Ashley Prentice (CO), Frank Koch (USDA Forest Service)</i> <i>Facilitator: Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> This session will include background on forest health metrics collected in Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) plots, a state example of using FIA data in a forest health project, and a national forest health-related modeling effort that incorporates FIA data. Speakers may include local FIA representatives, an FHC member, and a national perspective. 1:35 - 2:35 p.m. Semiochemical Mitigation Strategies <i>Dan West (CO, Secretary) and Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> This session will focus on recent advances in semiochemical mitigation strategies and operational use of semiochemicals. Two short introductory presentations will be followed by Q&A and discussion. Prompt questions include: • Does your program use semiochemicals in forest health management? • If so, what are some successes and/or challenges in those efforts? 2:35 - 2:50 p.m. Break 2:50- 3:50	12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Work Plan Alignment Session and Committee Business Review work plan to ensure we are on track and identify action items prior to 2026 Report and 2027 Work Plan development. • Discuss Committee Leadership 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. American Forest Landowner Support Program <i>Frank Curtin (American Forests) and Erin McElroy (New Mexico EMNRD)</i> Frank and Erin will provide an overview of American Forests' Forest Landowner Support (FLS) Program and New Mexico EMNRD's FLS Carbon Stewardship Program and how their partnership is expanding landowner access to pre- and post-fire assistance and support. 2:45 - 3:05 p.m. Break 3:05 - 4:05 p.m. Forest Landowner Support Grant Work Session <i>Kelsey Delaney (CWSF/WFLC)</i> FSP Committee members will hear progress updates from the CWSF Forest Landowners Assistance Workgroup and discuss and provide feedback on the workgroup's draft road map. 4:05 - 4:30 p.m. Meeting Reflections and Wrap Up <i>Trevor DoBell-Carlsson (AK, Chair)</i>
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	2027 Work Plan Tasks and Volunteers <i>Tony Seidl (SD, Vice Chair)</i> FHC members will engage in a facilitated, full-group discussion to identify and prioritize key deliverables and tasks for the 2027 Work Plan. Prompt questions include: • Is there any accomplishment or key deliverable that should be included or removed from the plan? • Who would like to volunteer for 2027 work plan tasks? 3:50 - 4:00 p.m. Meeting Reflections and Wrap Up <i>Jason Moan (AK, Chair)</i> FHC members will discuss any final wrap-up items and reflections before closing the 2026 Annual Meeting.	FHC members will discuss any final wrap-up items and reflections before closing the 2026 Annual Meeting.
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