

Idaho Forest Restoration Partnership

Annual Conference Agenda

Collaboration from Administration to Administration

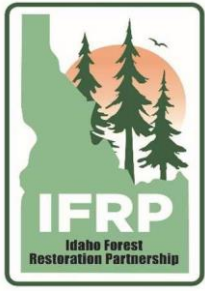
Virtual Conference via Zoom

April 27 & 28, 2021

DAY 1 – Tuesday April 27, 2021 (note all times listed are in Mountain Time Zone)

Shared Stewardship and other agency priorities

- 9:00 a.m. **Conference Welcome**
- 9:10 a.m. **Honoring John Freemuth**
- 9:20 a.m. **What is the Role of Collaboration in the New Administration?**
- ☐ Governor Little, Idaho
 - ☐ Chief Christiansen, U.S. Forest Service
- 10:05 a.m. **Carbon Sequestration and Forest Management: Climate 21 Report**
- ☐ Leslie Jones, Senior Vice President for Policy, American Forests
 - ☐ Brian Kittler, Senior Director of Forest Restoration, American Forests
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:40 a.m. **Regional Foresters, State Forester and State Conservationist Partnerships, Performance, and Priorities**
- ☐ Leanne Marten, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service Northern Region
 - ☐ Mary Farnsworth, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service Intermountain Region
 - ☐ Craig Foss, Idaho State Forester, Idaho Department of Lands
 - ☐ Curtis Elke, State Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- 11:20 a.m. **Shared Stewardship: GNA and Cross-Boundary Cooperation Next Steps**
- ☐ Ara Andrea, Idaho Shared Stewardship Coordinator, Idaho Department of Lands
 - ☐ Jon Songster, Good Neighbor Authority Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Lands
- 11:45 a.m. **Idaho Forest Economics Assessment – A statewide analysis of the impacts of federal and state investments in Idaho's Forest Resources**
- ☐ Lance Davisson, The Keystone Concept
 - ☐ Tim Maguire, Ecosystem Sciences Foundation
 - ☐ Zachary Christin, Equilibrium Economics
 - ☐ Tyre Holfeltz, Idaho Department of Lands
- 12:15 p.m. **Day One Wrap-up**
- 12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**



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DAY 2 – Wednesday April 28, 2021 (note all times listed are in Mountain Time Zone) ***Collaboration Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats***

9:00 a.m. **Welcome**

9:10 a.m. **Making Sense of Collaboration**

- ☐ Chelsea McIver, University of Idaho
- ☐ Leah Zamesnik, National Forest Foundation
- ☐ Shauni Seccombe, National Forest Foundation Fellow

9:40 a.m. **Breakout Session I: Questions for Collaboratives and Stakeholders**

10:10 a.m. **Group Report Back**

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. **Hot Topics! Breakout session II**

Great American Outdoors Act: Is There a role for Collaboratives?

Congress just passed the GAOA and permanently funded the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Idaho's National Forests will have additional funding for deferred maintenance, restoration work and recreation improvements. What is the best way for collaboratives to be involved in project selection? In the coming years, how do collaboratives influence projects?

Telling your story

Collaboratives are making an amazing difference on the ground, but few of these success stories are being told. Learn how to tell your own story.

11:15 a.m. **Hot Topics! Breakout session III**

Condition Based Management and the NEPA process

The Forest Service is expanding the use of Condition Based Management, the practice of completing some analyses post-decision while abiding by NEPA regulations. For what types of projects is this approach most suitable and beneficial? How does collaborative group engagement change with the use of Condition Based Management?

Recreation and watershed restoration: Are these mutually exclusive?

The hot topic for many collaboratives has switched from vegetation management to access and travel management. Some collaboratives are forging a zone of agreement to benefit both access and improve habitat for fish and wildlife. What tradeoffs must be considered? How can collaborative groups address often seemingly competing objectives?

11:45 a.m. **Conference Summary and Wrap Up**

12:00 p.m. **Conclude**