

ADAPTING TOGETHER: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF FIRE IN THE NORTHWEST

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WELCOME

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Please join us in a special place.

We acknowledge that Skamania Lodge stands on the ancestral lands of the Cascade (Watlala) people, whose homelands extend throughout the Columbia River Gorge. We also recognize the Chinook, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Wasco, Wishram, and other Indigenous peoples who were forcefully removed from this wonderful space.

In 1986, federal law created the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. This administrative unit of the USDA Forest Service covers 292,500 acres of mixed public and private lands, with the mission *to protect and provide for the enhancement of the scenic, cultural, recreational and natural resources of the Gorge; and to protect and support the economy of the Columbia River Gorge area by encouraging growth to occur in existing urban areas and by allowing future economic development.* The Scenic Area recognizes four treaty Tribes in its management plans: Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Nez Perce Tribe. Other Tribes including the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe participate in government-to-government consultation.

Please join us for a special gathering.

Adapting Together focuses on diverse approaches to place-based wildfire adaptation within and across this region. We hold *Place* as a community, ancestral territory, watershed, or other kind of unit that people care about and organize around; and *Adaptation* as an ongoing process of co-existence and adjustment to live with fire.

By bringing people together from diverse sectors, geographies, and cultures, we will delve into the following questions:

- 1. What kinds of place-based adaptation are happening around the broader Northwest, and what capacity and resources do they require?***
- 2. How do we maintain and grow a focus on fire's ecological and cultural roles while protecting communities?***
- 3. What kinds of local partnerships, economic strategies and policies will help us become more fire-adapted?***
- 4. In the next five and ten years, who needs to work together and how so that we can collectively coexist with fire?***

Fire adaptation is a big puzzle with many pieces. This workshop is a space to honor wildfire adaptation as a collective and long-term journey involving diverse voices, place, generations and experiences.

Alece Birnbach of Graphic Recording Studio will be sketching portions of the event and will share this work when we close. Graphic sketches and other materials will be used for a creative workshop proceedings document to be published later in 2026.

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For 120 years, the Oregon State University College of Forestry has been a world class center of teaching, learning and research. The College of Forestry is one of the only programs in the U.S. that conducts integrated research across every aspect of forestry – from forest floor to living room floor. We offer interdisciplinary graduate and undergraduate degree programs, steward more than 18,000 acres of actively managed research forests, and house one of the largest Forestry and Natural Resources Extension programs in the nation. From the forests of the Pacific Northwest to ecosystems around the world, our work supports healthy landscapes, strong communities and thriving economies.

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The Department of Applied Economics at Oregon State University–Corvallis is pleased to support the Adapting Together Workshop through the Chambers-Eisgruber Fund, which advances dialogue on pressing societal issues. The department creates and disseminates economic knowledge to improve decision-making in natural resources, the environment, and agriculture, examining how individuals, businesses, and governments can sustain the environment while enhancing societal well-being. As part of the College of Agricultural Sciences – home to 3,300 students, 280 faculty, and \$110 million in annual research expenditures – the department benefits from a broad network of researchers, educators, and extension specialists who collaborate closely with practitioners, land managers, policymakers, and agencies to address critical challenges and promote solutions that foster both prosperity and sustainability.

USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station

The Pacific Northwest (PNW) Research Station is a leader in the scientific study of natural resources. We generate and communicate impartial knowledge to help people understand and make informed choices about natural resource management and sustainability.

Northwest Fire Science Consortium

The Northwest Fire Science Consortium works to accelerate the awareness, understanding, and adoption of wildland fire science. We connect managers, practitioners, scientists, and local communities and collaboratives working on fire issues on forest and range lands in Washington and Oregon.

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The University of Idaho's College of Natural Resources has been training leaders and producing cutting-edge research for more than 100 years. Our degree programs in fire ecology & management, forestry, and rangeland ecology & management housed in the Department of Forest, Rangeland and Fire Sciences are all accredited and nationally ranked. University of Idaho students learn in some of the world's best outdoor classrooms including the McCall Field Campus (home to our Summer Forestry Camp), Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, 12,000+ acres of Experimental Forests, Rinker Rock Creek Ranch and Taylor Wilderness Research Station in the heart of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, and home to our acclaimed Semester in the Wild.

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The School of Environmental and Forest Sciences at the University of Washington is dedicated to generating and disseminating knowledge for the stewardship of natural and managed environments and the sustainable use of their products and services through teaching, research and outreach. Our vision is to provide world-class, internationally-recognized knowledge and leadership for environmental and natural resource issues.

University of Montana W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation

The W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation at the University of Montana is one of the nation's oldest forestry programs, offering interdisciplinary, experiential education supported by field sites such as the Lubrecht Experimental Forest and Bandy Ranch. Its programs blend ecological, physical, and social sciences, and students engage with renowned research centers addressing issues from wildlife conservation to climate change.

Great Basin Fire Science Exchange

The Great Basin Fire Science Exchange is one of 15 regional exchanges funded by the national Joint Fire Science Program. We conduct activities and events that bring land managers and scientists together to share current fire and fuels information and develop applicable resources that address fire and fuels management questions.

Washington State University Extension Forestry

The WSU Extension Forestry program provides objective, research-based education and resources for owners of forested property as well as the general public. We offer classes, workshops, and field days as well as publications, videos, and online resources to help you achieve your goals as a forest owner.

University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Fire Network

The UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) Fire Network is dedicated to improving fire resilience for all Californians, developing and delivering science-based information to support healthy communities and ecosystems. The Fire Network offers programming through our statewide team of local extension advisors, campus faculty and specialists, and staff. Our team has expertise across a wide range of disciplines, including fire science and ecology, home hardening and defensible space, community and regional planning, beneficial fire, targeted grazing, and more. California faces a wide array of fire-related challenges across both rural and urban landscapes. To help address these issues, the Fire Network delivers research and extension programming in four key thematic areas related to land stewardship, wildfire preparedness, post-fire recovery, and workforce development. The Fire Network fills a unique niche in California's fire resiliency work, with a locally based research-to-policy-to-action framework that answers key questions, generates innovative solutions, and builds needed capacity for implementation.

Western Fire and Forest Resilience Collaborative

The Western Fire and Forest Resilience Collaborative (WFFRC) is a research program advancing the predictive science of fire ecology and forest resilience in the western U.S. Our mission is to conduct rapid research guided by and developed with decision makers and forest stewards to address the fire crisis. We partner with fire management and policy experts to understand, catalyze, and deliver the science they need.

Northern Rockies Fire Science Network

The Northern Rockies Fire Science Network (NRFSN) serves as a go-to resource for managers and scientists involved in fire and fuels management in the Northern Rockies. The NRFSN is funded by the Joint Fire Science Program and is one of fifteen Fire Science Exchange Networks across the United States. Our network facilitates knowledge exchange by bringing people together to strengthen collaborations, synthesize science, and enhance science application around critical fire management issues.

California Fire Science Consortium

The California Fire Science Consortium is a network of scientists and managers that strives to accelerate awareness, understanding, and adoption of wildland fire science information by federal, tribal, state, local, and private stakeholders within ecologically similar regions. The CFSC is one of 15 members of a collaborative network of Fire Science Exchanges funded by the Joint Fire Science Program. At the CFSC, we work to diversify dissemination tactics to maximize exposure, understanding, and integration of fire science concepts across a wide range of landscapes and managers; foster collaboration and strengthen networks across research, management, policy, and public spheres to ensure maximum relevance, utility, and positive outcomes of fire science information; and elevate fire science literacy across public, policy, and media spheres, increasing the social license, will, and demand for needed change.

Eastern Oregon Agricultural Resource Center

The Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center (EOARC) is a branch of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station in the Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences and operates in cooperation with the US Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Services and with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) at our Burns, Oregon headquarters. Our mission is to provide scientific information for the development of sound land and livestock management for present and future generations, and our research is focused on solving regional problems, while generating principles that apply nationally and internationally. We are pleased to support this workshop, as a significant portion of our research is dedicated to fire ecology and landscape planning that promotes wildfire resilience in wildland and livestock/forage systems, such as grazing strategies and strategic fuels management.

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Adapting Together is brought to you by the Oregon State University Extension Fire Program and the Fire Adapted Communities Network.

The OSU Extension Fire Program uses outreach, education, and engagement to foster fire-adapted communities and resilient landscapes to wildfire through place-based partnerships. A team of regional fire specialists and state level staff work together to support 1) whole communities with capacity to cope with and adapt to stress and disturbance while maintaining key functions and values; 2) locally adapted solutions and a shift in fire cultures; and 3) appropriate patterns of wildfire in a diversity of ecosystems.

The Fire Adapted Communities Network (FAC Net) supports community-based leaders with resources, tools and connections to reduce their wildfire risk and increase community resilience. FAC Net centers socio-ecological relationships; deliberately shaping these relationships to create cultures that allow fire to play more of its natural role while protecting people and assets from the damage it can do. We combine support for on-the-ground project work with peer learning, professional development, coaching, and long-range strategic planning to invest in better fire outcomes. FAC Net is part of the national Fire Networks partnership dedicated to supporting local solutions for living better with fire. The partnership is staffed by a team from The Watershed Center, The Nature Conservancy and UC Extension who work with—and in service to—hundreds of community leaders across the country.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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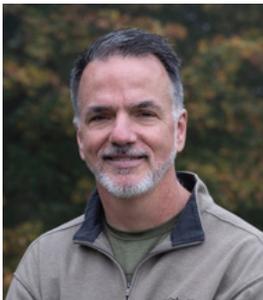
ELIZABETH AZZUZ

Elizabeth Azzuz is a Yurok Tribal member from the village of Weitchpec in northern CA, and a Karuk descendant from Katamiin. She is the director of traditional fire, family burns, and treasurer for the board of the Cultural Fire Management Council. She is also treasurer to the Indigenous Stewardship Network and member of the Indigenous Peoples' Burning Network with The Nature Conservancy.

Elizabeth is a cultural practitioner who burns for basket materials, traditional foods and medicines. She has been burning since the age of four, when her grandfather caught her playing with matches and decided to teach her about her responsibility to the mother earth. She was taught that fire is a tool, not a toy.

The Cultural Fire Management Council provides training and jobs on the Yurok reservation. They have training exchanges to train future fire lighters in prescribed and cultural burns, giving them the needed skills to work with fire safely.

Closing Plenary Speakers



MATT DONEGAN

Donegan Advisors LLC

Matt Donegan provides advisory services on wildfire, forest management and climate policies and projects. He is the former co-founder and co-president of Forest Capital Partners, a forest investment firm with operations across the US. He has chaired boards and commissions for the past four Oregon governors, including the Oregon Wildfire Council (2019-21) and the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission (2024-current). He is currently leading a wildfire initiative for the Oregon Business Council in coordination with the Governor's office.



GARRETT MEIGS

Forest Health Scientist, Washington Department of Natural Resources

Garrett Meigs is a scientist who focuses on landscape patterns of wildfires and other disturbances, supporting adaptive management strategies across all lands. Garrett's current research topics include the Work of Wildfire, mature and old-growth forest sustainability, and disturbance interactions. He enjoys exploring the dynamic and diverse landscapes of the Pacific Northwest with family and friends. He also grew up in a zoo.



MONIQUE WYNECOOP

Tri-Regional Fire Ecologist, Bureau of Indian Affairs NW, AK, and RM Regions

Monique Wynecoop is Maternal Mountain Maidu/Pit River (Atsugewi). She is the Tri-Regional Fire Ecologist, Bureau of Indian Affairs NW, AK, and RM Regions (now Department of Interior Wildland Fire Service) and a founding member of Sʉlʉlp, the Northeast Washington Indigenous Peoples Burning Network. Prior to joining the NW Region BIA Fire & Fuels Team, she was the NE WA Area Ecologist for USFS Region 6. For 23 years, she has worked for the USFS, BIA, and Idaho Fish & Game in Fire Ecology, Wildland Fire, and Fishery Management fields. Her free time is spent outdoors, learning, teaching, and sharing her love for the land and her culture with her children, family, and community.

Photos courtesy of the speakers



PRINCIPLES FOR GATHERING

As We Gather, Please:

- Be present. Silence devices and leave the room if you need to work on emails or other tasks not related to the workshop.
- Take care of your mental and physical needs.
- Be timely and respect the agenda so that we can begin and end on time.
- Be mindful of how much airtime you may be taking and share the floor with others.
- Recognize that everyone is a teacher and a learner; ask questions, and approach others with curiosity over judgment. Share your stories and expertise while making space to listen also.
- Respect the different concerns and sensitivities that speakers and participants may have at this time. Do not photograph, record, or post to social media anyone's materials, speech, or image without their explicit permission. Do not photograph anyone with a red dot on their nametag.

Full Principles of Gathering



THE BROADER NORTHWEST

The “broader Northwest” geography for this event includes Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana; and encompasses the ancestral lands of numerous Tribal Nations and Indigenous peoples. There are unique patterns of fire and ways of living with it across these lands, from the coastal redwood forests to the sagebrush steppe of the Great Basin. Each state is also pursuing its own policy path for fire adaptation.

However, we share a common bond: we are working together in place-based ways to define our fire futures. We hope that this gathering allows you to connect with new faces from around this region and return home with new ideas, relationships and excitement.



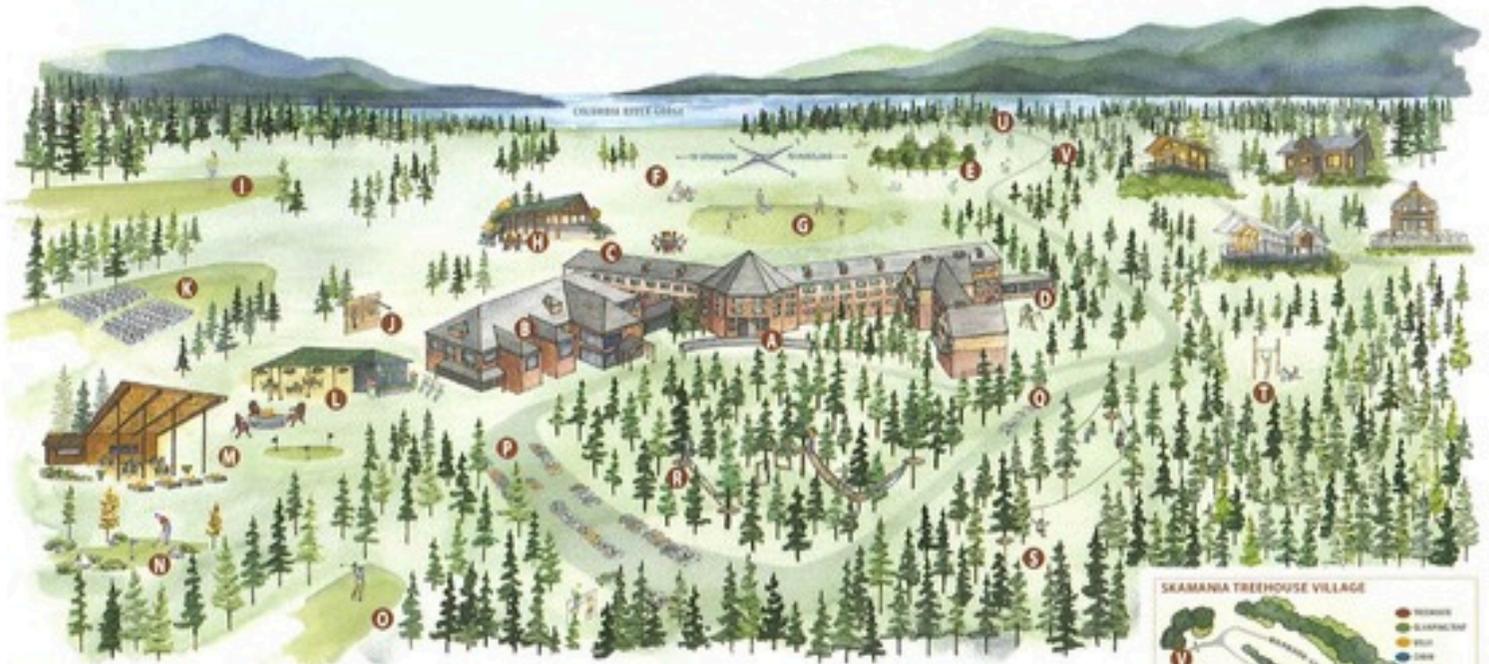
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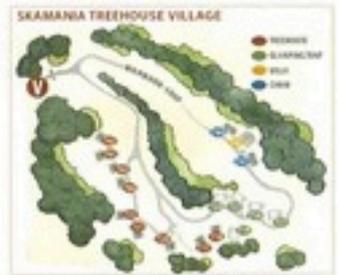
Skamania Lodge

Map & Conference Center Floor Plans

PROPERTY MAP



- A LODGE RECEPTION**
Front Desk/ Check-in
Gift Shop
Gorge Room
- B CONFERENCE CENTER**
Meeting Spaces
Tangata Terrace
Luncheon Patio
- C DINING**
Cascadia Dining Room
River Deck Lounge
- D WATERLEAF SPA**
Pool/Hot Tub
Fitness Center
- E AMPHITHEATER**
- F SUNDAIL LAWN**
- G GORGE VIEW LAWN**
Windflow Patio
Fire Pit
- H RIVERVIEW PAVILION**
- I DISC GOLF COURSE***
- J AXE THROWING***
- K MOONLIGHT CEREMONY**
- L BACKYARD OUTPOST**
Clothing & Laundry Shop
Bar/food Grill
Tavern Fire Pit
Quonsetto Adventures
E-Bike Rentals
Hiking Trail Heads
- M MOONLIGHT PAVILION**
- N LITTLE EAGLE**
Putting Course*
- O GORGE 9**
Short Golf Course*
- P GUEST PARKING**
- Q EV-CAR PARKING**
- R AERIAL PARK***
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- U MAIN ENTRANCE/EXIT**
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FLOOR PLANS Lower Level Conference



Main Level Conference



Private Lactation Space is Available in Summit 3



FULL PROGRAM AGENDA

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TUESDAY, MARCH 3

<p>4:00 - 6:00 pm Baker</p>	<p>Pre-Meeting Tribal Gathering</p>	<p>Registration-only event for Tribal/Indigenous participants. Light appetizers and refreshments provided.</p> <p>Host: Chance White Eyes, Oregon State University</p>
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

12:30 - 3:30 PM

<p>12:30 - 1:30 pm Conference Center Lobby</p>	<p>Arrive and Settle in</p>	<p>Arrival and registration, with coffee and snacks available.</p>
<p>1:30 - 2:00 pm Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Welcome!</p>	<p>Welcome to this place: Keegan Fengler, Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council and Washington Fire Adapted Communities Network; and Chance White Eyes, Oregon State University</p> <p>What to expect as we Adapt Together: Emily Jane (EJ) Davis, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program</p> <p>Icebreaker and share out: What brings you here? Michelle Medley-Daniel, The Watershed Center/Fire Adapted Communities Network</p>
<p>2:00 - 2:45 pm Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Keynote</p>	<p>Keynote speaker: Elizabeth Azzuz, Cultural Fire Management Council</p> <p>Introduction and facilitation: Chance White Eyes, Oregon State University</p>
<p>2:45 - 3:00 pm Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Get to Know You Activity</p>	<p>Facilitator: Emily Troisi, Resources Legacy Fund (formerly The Watershed Center/Fire Adapted Communities Network)</p>
<p>3:00 - 3:30 pm Conference Center Lobby</p> <p>Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Break</p> <p>Hot Topic Stations</p>	<p>Coffee and snacks provided. Grab a bite and visit the Hot Topic Stations at the back of meeting room for focused learning and networking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Work of Wildfire: Garrett Meigs, Washington Department of Natural Resources • University Extension and Wildfire: Alison Deak, University of California Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources Fire Network, and Ariel Cowan, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program • Idaho's Fire Hazard Mitigation Program: Tyre Holfeltz, Idaho Department of Lands • What Matters to You in Adaptation? A Short Survey: Katie Wollstein, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program, and Tyler Harris, Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Station

<p>3:30 - 4:30 pm Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>INSPIRE Panel: Innovation & Approaches in Community Engagement</p>	<p>Speakers from a diverse set of communities and sociological-ecological contexts will share their innovative approaches, crucial partnerships, and visions for their communities looking ahead.</p> <p>Facilitator: Emily Troisi, Resources Legacy Fund (formerly The Watershed Center/Fire Adapted Communities Network)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Chambers, Ashland Fire and Rescue • Sara Allaben, Mt. Adams Resource Stewards • Ella Langer, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation • Allison Jolley, The Watershed Center
<p>4:30 - 4:50 pm Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Future Headlines</p>	<p>Participants will develop and discuss news headlines that they would like to see in the future related to wildfire adaptation.</p> <p>Facilitators: Emily Jane (EJ) Davis and Carrie Berger, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program</p>
<p>4:50 - 5:00 pm Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Close the Day</p>	<p>Reflections from the day, evening activities, tomorrow's agenda</p> <p>Facilitator: Carrie Berger, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program</p>
<p>5:00 - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Check in, Settle in</p>	<p>If you would like a late check out after the event, please ask front desk staff upon your arrival.</p>
<p>5:30 - 7:00 pm Cascade Locks Ballroom A</p>	<p>Poster Session and Evening Reception</p>	<p>Come mingle, recognize our sponsors, and explore creative posters showcasing local adaptation work, student research, and more. Enjoy heavy appetizers (included) and a no-host bar.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom DeLuca, Oregon State University College of Forestry • Autumn Ellison, Northwest Fire Science Consortium and Oregon State University Extension Fire Program • Jeff Reimer, Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences • Becky Kerns, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station • Michelle Medley-Daniel, The Watershed Center/Fire Adapted Communities Network
<p>Evening</p>	<p>Dinner (Not Included)</p>	<p>On your own - see dining options on p. 18 of this program.</p>

7:00 - 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet (Included)	Served in Conference Center Lobby/eat in Stevenson Ballroom
8:30 - 8:45 am Stevenson Ballroom	Welcome and Table Discussions	<p>Welcome and looking forward to today: Charlie Landsman, Washington State Department of Natural Resources</p> <p>Table discussions: Emily Troisi, Resources Legacy Fund (formerly The Watershed Center/Fire Adapted Communities Network)</p>
8:45 - 10:15 am Stevenson Ballroom	Fire as an Ecological Process and Cultural Practice	<p>This panel explores fire as both an ecological process and a cultural practice throughout the Northwest, while grounding the conversation in real places from forests to rangelands. Pairing research, practice, and traditional knowledge, the session will offer an understanding of how fire shapes ecosystems, communities and cultural traditions.</p> <p>Facilitators: Crystal Raymond, Western Fire & Forest Resilience Collaborative/University of Washington, and Brian Harvey, University of Washington College of the Environment</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Changing Fire Regimes in the Northwest—Matt Reilly, Oregon State University College of Forestry • Perspectives and Expertise on Fire Management by the Colville Tribes—Cody Desautel, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation • Implementation of Forest Management Under the Wildfire Crisis Strategy—Pek Wijayratne, USDA Forest Service Region 6 • Fire Regimes in Subalpine and Montane Ecosystems of the Northwest—Alina Cansler, University of Montana W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation
10:15 - 10:25 am Stevenson Ballroom	Activity Transition Instructions	<p><i>Mentimeter poll:</i> 1) How well do you understand the legislative landscape federally? 2) In your state? 3) How well equipped do you feel to engage?</p> <p>Facilitator: Shannon Murray, Oregon State University College of Forestry</p>
10:25 - 10:45 am	Networking and Transition to Breakouts	Coffee and morning snacks available. Participants transition to breakout rooms as described below.
10:45 - 12:00 pm Breakout Rooms	BREAKOUTS: Comparing Models	The work of fire adaptation looks different in different communities. These sessions highlight differences and similarities between models, state approaches, partnerships, coalitions and more. Participants will choose one of five breakouts to attend. Speakers will present briefly and engage participants in discussion using the workshop questions as anchors.

<p>Community Adaptation Models Across States Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>State agencies play leading roles in supporting community wildfire adaptation across states. Speakers will share models currently used in their states and what they are learning.</p> <p>Facilitator: Michelle Medley-Daniel, The Watershed Center/Fire Adapted Communities Network</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyre Holfeltz, Idaho Department of Lands • Erik de Kok, Ascent • Charlie Landsman, WA Department of Natural Resources • Brian Newman-Lindsay, CA Department of Conservation • Christie Shaw, Oregon Department of Forestry • Jen Warren, Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office
<p>Crowdsourcing Solutions to our Stickiest Challenges in Prescribed Fire Cascade Locks Ballroom A</p>	<p>In this session, we'll explore how different states are addressing barriers to prescribed fire through innovative models, partnerships, and community-based approaches. After short presentations from practitioners and researchers across the region, we'll turn to the collective wisdom of the room using the Wise Crowds method to crowdsource practical, actionable solutions.</p> <p>Facilitator: Carrie Berger, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Adlam, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program • Heather Heward, University of Idaho College of Natural Resources • Elizabeth Covelli Metcalf, University of Montana W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation • Alison Deak, University of California Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources Fire Network • Lucas King, Mt. Adams Resource Stewards
<p>Electrical Utilities and Fire-Adapted Communities Jefferson</p>	<p>Electrical utilities are partners in community fire adaptation. This session will provide an overview of how utilities engage as partners and leaders in wildfire mitigation.</p> <p>Facilitator: Emily Troisi, Resources Legacy Fund (formerly The Watershed Center/Fire Adapted Communities Network)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sashi Sabaratnam, Pacific Gas & Electric • Olivia Awbrey, Oregon Citizens Utility Board • Matt Castle, Puget Sound Energy
<p>Voices from the Ground: The Role of Workers in Adaptive and Inclusive Decision Making Rainier</p>	<p>Workers and practitioners who carry out fire resilience are at the core of coexisting with and stewarding wildfire. This session brings together firsthand perspectives from the frontlines of landscape resilience, community adaptation, and wildfire response to explore how involving workers and practitioners in decision-making can shape more adaptive and inclusive outcomes.</p> <p>Facilitators: Harper Loeb, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program, and Annabelle Law, University of Oregon Ecosystem Workforce Program</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuel Machado, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program • Kyle Trefny and Meredith Jacobson, University of Oregon Ecosystem Workforce Program and FireGeneration Collaborative • Ayuthea LaPier and Jessica Angel LaPier, FireGeneration Collaborative • Heidi Huber-Stearns, University of Oregon Ecosystem Workforce Program and Smoke Center
<p>Strategic Fire Planning for Large Landscapes Baker</p>	<p>Defending and growing wildfire resilience on rangelands requires coordinated and strategic actions across space, time, and institutions. Drawing on the speakers' experience supporting collaboratives and partnerships in eastern Oregon, this session offers principles for integrating land and fire planning and management, with live demonstration of a process for developing a spatial strategy to defend and grow fire resilient landscapes.</p> <p>Facilitator: Katie Wollstein, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dustin Johnson, Oregon State University Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Program • Cameron Duquette, The Nature Conservancy • Chad Boyd, USDA Agricultural Research Service

12:00 - 1:00 pm	<p>Lunch (Included)</p> <p>Hot Topic Stations</p>	<p>Grab a bite and visit with others at your table in Stevenson Ballroom with fun prompts.</p> <p>Visit the Hot Topic Stations at the back of meeting room for focused learning and networking.</p>
1:00 - 3:15 pm Stevenson Ballroom and Breakout Rooms	<p>Afternoon Sessions: Joining Science and Practice</p>	<p>Science is an important part of wildfire adaptation. Speakers will share how they are using research in practice. These sessions will repeat once, and participants can attend two. *See next page for breakout descriptions.</p> <p>Round 1: 1:00 - 2:00 pm Round 2: 2:15 - 3:15 pm</p>
3:15 - 3:30 pm	<p>Break and Transition Back to Ballroom</p>	<p>Coffee and afternoon snacks available.</p>
3:30 - 4:30 pm Stevenson Ballroom	<p>State of Policy Briefing and Discussion</p>	<p>In a changing legislative and administrative landscape, how can practitioners stay engaged and aware of the opportunities to weigh in or influence policies that impact their day-to-day work? Speakers will cover both current general federal legislative and administrative policy, as well as policies related to beneficial fire.</p> <p>Facilitator: Reese Lolley, Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyson Bertone-Riggs, Alliance for Wildfire Resilience • Laurel Harkness, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition
4:30 - 4:45 pm Stevenson Ballroom	<p>Closing Activity</p>	<p>Interactive poll and sharing of reflections.</p> <p>Facilitator: Shannon Murray, Oregon State University College of Forestry</p>
5:00 - 6:00 pm Cascade Locks Ballroom A	<p>Optional Drop-In Activity: Networking and Art</p>	<p>Join this optional session and flex your creative side. There are many ways to capture a vision for the future; expressing yourself via art and music is one way. This will be a facilitated drop-in activity with a small selection of light appetizers (included).</p> <p>Facilitator: Emily Troisi, Resources Legacy Fund (formerly The Watershed Center/Fire Adapted Communities Network)</p>
5:00 pm - Onwards	<p>Dinner (Not Included)</p>	<p>On your own—see dining options on p. 18 of this program.</p>
7:00 - 9:00 pm Main Firepit	<p>Optional Firepit</p>	<p>Join old and new friends around the outdoor firepit. Drinks from the River Rock Lounge may be purchased and brought outside; please, no off-site food or beverages allowed.</p>

<p>Paying Down the Smoke Debt Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Smoke from wildfires and prescribed fires is an increasing public health concern. How can land managers and public health professionals collaborate in this context? This session will explore recent research on designing forest restoration treatments with smoke exposure in mind, and examples of how to improve communication and preparedness.</p> <p>Facilitators: Jess Downey and Heidi Huber-Stearns, University of Oregon Ecosystem Workforce Program and Smoke Center</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gina Cova, University of Washington College of the Environment • Gabriela Goldfarb, Oregon Health Authority • Pete Caligiuri, The Nature Conservancy
<p>Actionable Fire Science Jefferson</p>	<p>Pairs of collaborating scientists and practitioners will share how they are learning together and applying science to management. Topics will include incorporating fire refugia into management decisions, and modeling and managing westside forest types.</p> <p>Facilitators: Crystal Raymond, Western Fire & Forest Resilience Collaborative/University of Washington, and Brian Harvey, University of Washington College of the Environment</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meg Krawchuk, Oregon State University College of Forestry • Jessica Hudec, USDA Forest Service • Raymond Davis, USDA Forest Service • Brian Harvey, University of Washington College of the Environment • Phillip North, Tulalip Tribe
<p>Adaptive Capacity for Community Wildfire Adaptation Rainier</p>	<p>Communities are diverse, and so are their approaches to wildfire adaptation. What does it look like to tailor an adaptation pathway to community context? Participants will work through discussions to help frame their adaptation work as a learning process, and come away with tangible ideas for assessing impacts and testing assumptions that underpin their work.</p> <p>Facilitators: Travis Paveglio, University of Idaho College of Natural Resources, and Emily Jane (EJ) Davis, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tucker Teutsch, Firebrand Resiliency Collective
<p>Wildfire Economics and Rural Communities Baker</p>	<p>Wildfire's impacts can include economic shocks and shifts in natural resources, agriculture, recreation and tourism, and other sectors. These are often especially acute for rural communities. This session will share applied science findings about these impacts, and identify research needs to support rural community resilience.</p> <p>Facilitator: Chelsea Pennick, University of Idaho Policy Analysis Group</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Bigelow, Oregon State University Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension • Max Nielsen-Pincus, Portland State University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

<p>7:30 - 8:30 am</p>	<p>Breakfast Buffet (Included)</p>	<p>Served in Conference Center Lobby/eat in Stevenson Ballroom.</p> <p>Check out of hotel if ready. Luggage storage is available at the hotel front desk.</p>
<p>8:30 - 8:35 am Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Quick welcome and morning overview</p>
<p>8:35 - 9:35 am Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Indigenous Stewardship on Ancestral Lands</p>	<p>Speakers will share experiences with cultural fire and practices on Tribal lands.</p> <p>Facilitator: Turtle May, University of Washington Pacific Wildland Fire Sciences Laboratory</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heal the Land: Heal the People—Anna Merritt (Klamath Tribes) • Prescribed Fire and Cultural Burning Practices in Karuk Territory—Bill Tripp (Karuk Tribe) • Traditional Burning on the Yakama Reservation—Troy Watlamet (Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation)
<p>9:35 - 10:30 am Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Focus on: Creative Forms of Capacity and Funding Panel</p>	<p>Speakers from the philanthropy and conservation finance worlds will describe their experiences with creative funding and capacity-building solutions.</p> <p>Facilitator: Emily Troisi, Resources Legacy Fund (formerly The Watershed Center/Fire Adapted Communities Network)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marion Wittmann, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation Wildfire Resilience Initiative • Nathan Henry, Trust for Public Lands
<p>10:30 - 10:45 am</p>	<p>Break</p>	<p>Coffee and morning snacks will be served.</p>

<p>10:45 - 11:30 am Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Plenary: Bringing it all Together</p>	<p>Speakers will provide reflections, calls to action and their personal visions for how we mobilize our visions for fire adaptation in the broader Northwest in the next five and ten years.</p> <p>Facilitator: Emily Jane (EJ) Davis, Oregon State University Extension Fire Program</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Donegan, Donegan Advisors LLC • Garrett Meigs, Washington Department of Natural Resources • Monique Wynecoop, Bureau of Indian Affairs
<p>11:30 am - 12:00 pm Stevenson Ballroom</p>	<p>Closing</p>	<p>Facilitator: Michelle Medley-Daniel, The Watershed Center/Fire Adapted Communities Network</p> <p>Community mural unveiling: Alece Birnbach, graphic sketch artist, will reveal and discuss the community mural created during the workshop. Participants will have the opportunity to engage and ask questions.</p> <p>Final activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What value did you find in convening across several states? • What does a continued conversation or action look like across all or some of those states? • What will you do when you go home? <p>Thank you so much for sharing this space with all of us. Please take the workshop evaluation survey! Travel safely and be well.</p>

POSTER SESSION

Wednesday, March 4th
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Cascade Locks Ballroom A

Presenter	Poster Title
Ricardo Javier (Javier) Hurtado Alvarez	Labor-Intensive Forestry Work in the Rogue Valley: Insights from Thinning and Fuels Reduction Crews
Riley Barton	How Does Study Design Shape Our Understanding of Water Quality Responses to Wildfire?
Clare Boerigter	Turning Science into Action: Developing a Best Practices Guidebook to Support Prescribed Fire in Wilderness
Alexis Bryson	The Use of Flame-Cap Biochar Kilns in Reducing Wildfire Fuels
Joshua Cardin	Origin Story of a Fire-Adapted Future
Jess DellaRossa	Plant a "Resource Seed" in the California Reforestation Toolshed
Violet Harris	Response of Soil Fungi Community Composition to Fire in the western Cascades, Oregon
Meredith Jacobson and Kyle Trefny	Shaping Good Livelihoods with Fire: Stories and Themes from FireGeneration Collaborative's Fire Futures Project
Tanmayee More	Fire Fossils: Biomineral Infrastructures in Untangling Climates
Eliza Munger, Dr. Mindy Crandall, and Dr. Yasmeen Hossain	Summary of Trauma-Informed Practices and Research in West Coast Fire Adaptation and Recovery Work
Kathryn Raeder	Private Lands Burning and Communities of Practice: Community-Based Fire Management in Northeastern Oregon
Shahrin Shahab	Understanding Wildfire Evacuation Behavior and Emergency Communication Preferences to Strengthen Place-Based Fire Adaptation in Southern Oregon
Hailey Stephenson, Corel Eldridge, Kaelub Baer, and Chhaya Werner	Impacts of Beetle-Driven Douglas-fir Mortality on Fire Fuel Models in southern Oregon
Jessie Thoreson	Modeling Fire and Vegetation in Karuk Ancestral Territory
Megan Wagner and Eliza Digiulio	Increasing Advanced Spatial Data Accessibility for Community-Led Fuel Reduction Efforts in the Wildland-Urban Interface of Ashland, Oregon
Katie Wampler	Different Metrics, Different Stories: Understanding Water Quality Responses to Wildfire
Barb Satink Wolfson	Community Response to the Central Coast Good Fire Fair
Dr. Katie Wollstein	What Does Place-Based Fire Adaptation Look Like to You?

LOCAL INFORMATION AND DINING

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Skamania Lodge is located at 1131 SW Skamania Lodge Way, Stevenson, WA 98648. It is approximately 1.5 miles/5 minutes west of Stevenson, WA on State Highway 14, and 8 minutes/3.5 miles from Cascade Locks, OR via toll bridge. It takes about 30 minutes to drive to White Salmon, WA, or Hood River, OR.

If you are coming from I-84 in Oregon, you will need to cross the Bridge of the Gods from Cascade Locks to Stevenson. The toll is \$3 for passenger vehicles. Credit cards are accepted with additional fees so you may wish to bring cash.

The Columbia River Gorge is a rural area with wonderful but limited dining options. Many places close at or before 9 pm, so please plan accordingly. The fare is largely American pub/casual with labeling and options for vegetarian, dairy free, and gluten free diners.

The following meals are included with your registration:

- March 4th: Afternoon coffee and snacks, heavy appetizers and no-host bar at reception
- March 5th: Breakfast buffet with cold and hot items, morning and afternoon coffee and snacks, Mediterranean buffet lunch, small selection of appetizers at poetry and art activity
- March 6th: Breakfast buffet with cold and hot items, morning coffee and snacks

Additional dining on site at Skamania:

- Cascade Dining Room, first floor, 5–9 pm
- River Rock Lounge, first floor, 2–10 pm
- Skamania To Go takeaway, 7 am–9 pm

Skamania Lodge Dining Menus



Stevenson area:

- Big River Grill, 192 SW 2nd Street, Stevenson, WA, open 11 am–9 pm
- Red Bluff Tap House, 256 SW 2nd Street, Stevenson, WA, closed on Weds, open Thurs 11 am–9 pm
- Walking Man Brewing, 240 SW 1st Street, Stevenson, WA, open 3 pm–9 pm
- Backwoods Brewing Company, 1162 Wind River Hwy, Carson, WA, open 11:30 am–8 pm

Cascade Locks area:

- Thunder Island Brewing, 601 NW Wa Na Pa Street, Cascade Locks, OR, open 11 am –8 pm
- Gorges Beer Co., 390 Wa Na Pa Street, Cascade Locks, OR, open 11 am –7 pm
- Brigham Fish Market, 681 Wa Na Pa Street, Cascade Locks, OR, open 11 am –6 pm (not open late, but great option to pick up amazing lunch or fresh fish on your way to or from Skamania!)

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