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# Western Working Lands Forum

March 15-16, 2018  
Denver, Colorado

## Thursday, March 15

*The ART Hotel (Broadway Ballroom)*

- 1:00 pm**                      **Welcome:** James D. Ogsbury, WGA Executive Director
- 1:10 pm**                      **Introductory Remarks**  
John Freemuth, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy
- 1:45 pm**                      **Roundtable I: Cross-Boundary Conservation & the Endangered Species Act**  
Regional experts will discuss strategies to expand species conservation efforts that cut across federal, state, and private lands. Moderator: **John Freemuth**, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy. Panelists: **Sarah Greenberger**, Senior Vice President, Conservation Policy, National Audubon Society; **Noreen Walsh**, Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; **Robert Veldman**, Senior Mitigation Advisor, KCoE Isom; **Bob Broscheid**, Director, Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife; **Jim Magagna**, Executive Vice President, Wyoming Stock Growers Association.
- 2:30 pm**                      **Roundtable II: Cross-Boundary Forest and Rangeland Management**  
Panelists will discuss coordinated actions to support healthy forests and rangelands across ownership boundaries. Moderator: **John Freemuth**, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy. Panelists: **Christine Dawe**, Director, Renewable Resource Management, USDA-Forest Service; **Jeff Whitney**, Arizona State Forester, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management; **Bob Boeh**, Vice President, Government Affairs, Idaho Forest Group; **Kristie Maczko**, Executive Director, Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable.

- 3:15 pm**                      **Break**
- 3:30 pm**                      **Roundtable III: Cross-Boundary Invasive Species Management**  
 Scientists and land managers will examine techniques to prevent the migration of invasive species and how to coordinate mitigation efforts across management boundaries. Moderator: **John Freemuth**, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy. Panelists: **Mike Ielmini**, National Invasive Species Program Manager, USDA-Forest Service; **Rusty Lloyd**, Program Director, RiversEdge West; **Elizabeth Brown**, Invasive Species Coordinator, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; **Scott Cameron**, Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management, and Budget, U.S. Department of the Interior.
- 4:15 pm**                      **Roundtable IV: Implementing Cross-Boundary Planning: Practitioner Perspectives**  
 Panelists will discuss on-the-ground strategies they have employed to create effective cross-boundary strategies for land management challenges. Moderator: **John Freemuth**, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy. Panelists: **Nick Owens**, Senior HSE Representative, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation; **Lesli Allison**, Executive Director, Western Landowners Alliance; **John Ruhs**, Nevada State Director, Bureau of Land Management; **Terry Fankhauser**, Executive VP, Colorado Cattleman’s Association; **Jim Neiman**, President & CEO, Neiman Enterprises Inc.
- 5:15 pm**                      **Day One Reflections**  
 John Freemuth, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy
- 5:30 pm**                      **Reception**

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- 7:45 am**                      **Breakfast**
- 8:00 am**                      **Welcome Back**  
 James D. Ogsbury, Executive Director, Western Governors’ Association
- 8:15 am**                      **Roundtable V: Balancing Multiple Policy Objectives with Cross-Boundary Management**  
 WGA Executive Director James D. Ogsbury will deliver opening remarks, followed by a panel that will examine the policy opportunities and challenges when planning cross-boundary projects. Moderator: **John Freemuth**, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy. Panelists: **Brent Keith**, Senior Policy

Advisor, Lands, The Nature Conservancy; **Doug Wheeler**, Partner, Hogan Lovells; **Tyson Bertone-Riggs**, Program Manager, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition; **Tim Griffiths**, West Regional Coordinator, Working Lands for Wildlife, USDA-NRCS; **Dustin Miller**, Administrator, Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation.

**9:15 am**

**Roundtable VI: Applications for Technology in Cross-Boundary Planning**

Panelists will discuss modern technologies that make it possible to plan and monitor land management actions at a landscape scale. Moderator: **John Freemuth**, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy. Panelists: **Tyler Erickson**, Senior Developer Advocate, Google Earth Engine; **Mike Bialousz**, National Account Manager – Environmental, State Government, Esri; **Jeff Sloan**, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Leader, U.S. Geological Survey; **Brady Allred**, Research Scientist, Sage Grouse Initiative; **Cindy Bruyere**, C3WE Deputy Director, UCAR; **Jeff T. Morissette**, Chief Scientist, National Invasive Species Council (NISC) Secretariat, U.S. Department of the Interior.

**10:15 am**

**Break**

**10:30 am**

**Roundtable: Progress and Considerations**

Panelists will reflect on lessons learned during the Forum and discuss promising strategies for implementing effective cross-boundary projects. Moderator: **John Freemuth**, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy

**11:30 am**

**Case Study: Cross-Boundary Cooperation – Successes and Challenges**

Representatives from the Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership and the Upper South Platte Partnership will discuss how they created effective programs that address resource challenges across ownership boundaries. Panelists: **Mike Elson**, District Ranger, Coconino National Forest, Flagstaff Ranger District, USDA-Forest Service; **Jeff Whitney**, Arizona State Forester, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.

**12:30 pm**

**Next Steps and Final Thoughts**

James D. Ogsbury, Executive Director, Western Governors' Association

**12:45 pm**

**Adjourn**