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Western Working Lands Forum

March 15-16, 2018
Denver, Colorado

Meeting Agenda

*The ART Hotel
Broadway Ballroom
Denver, Colorado*

Thursday, March 15	
1:00 pm	Welcome James D. Ogsbury, Executive Director, Western Governors' Association
1:10 pm	Introductory Remarks John Freemuth, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy
1:30 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. <u>Panelists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noreen Walsh, Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region, US Fish and Wildlife Service;• Jim Magagna, Executive Vice President, Wyoming Stock Growers Association;• Sarah Greenberger, Senior Vice President, Conservation Policy, National Audubon Society;• Robert Veldman, Senior Mitigation Advisor, K-Coe Isom;• Bob Broscheid, Director, Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife.
2:15 pm	Roundtable II: Cross-Boundary Forest and Rangeland Management Panelists will discuss coordinated actions to support healthy forests and rangelands across ownership boundaries. <u>Panelists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bob Boeh, Vice President, Government Affairs, Idaho Forest Group;• Jeff Whitney, Arizona State Forester, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management;• Christine Dawe, Director, Renewable Resource Management, US Forest Service;• Kristie Maczko, Executive Director, Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable.

3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm	<p>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. <u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Ielmini, National Invasive Species Program Manager, US Forest Service; • Rusty Lloyd, Program Director, RiversEdge West; • Elizabeth Brown, Invasive Species Coordinator, Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife; • Scott Cameron, Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, US Department of the Interior.
4:00 pm	<p>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. <u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
5:00 pm	<p>Day One Reflections John Freemuth, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy</p>
5:30 pm	Reception
Friday, March 16	
7:45 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	<p>Welcome Back James D. Ogsbury, Executive Director, WGA</p>
8:15 am	<p>Roundtable V: Balancing Multiple Policy Objectives with Cross-Boundary Management Panelists will examine the policy opportunities and challenges when planning cross-boundary projects. <u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Griffiths, West Regional Coordinator, Working Lands for Wildlife, Natural Resources Conservation Service; • Dustin Miller, Administrator, Idaho Governor’s Office of Species Conservation. • Tyson Bertone-Riggs, Program Manager, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition; • Brent Keith, Senior Policy Advisor, Lands, The Nature Conservancy; • Doug Wheeler, Partner, Hogan Lovells.
9:15 am	<p>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. <u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyler Erickson, Senior Developer Advocate, Google Earth Engine; • Brady Allred, Associate Professor of Rangeland Ecology, University of Montana; • Cindy Bruyere, C3WE Director, National Center for Atmospheric Research; • Mike Bialousz, National Account Manager – Environmental, State Government, Esri;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Sloan, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Leader, US Geological Survey; • Jeff T. Morissette, Chief Scientist, National Invasive Species Council Secretariat, US Department of the Interior.
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am	<p>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. <u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Elson, District Ranger, Coconino National Forest, Flagstaff Ranger District, US Forest Service; • Jeff Whitney, Arizona State Forester, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management; • Christina Burri, Watershed Scientist, Denver Water; • Jonas Feinstein, Colorado State Conservation Forester & State TSP Coordinator, Natural Resources Conservation Service.
11:45 am	<p>Roundtable: Progress and Considerations Panelists will reflect on lessons learned during the Forum and discuss promising strategies for implementing effective cross-boundary projects. <u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Brown, Invasive Species Coordinator, Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife; • Lesli Allison, Executive Director, Western Landowners Alliance; • Christine Dawe, Director, Renewable Resource Management, US Forest Service; • Bob Boeh, Vice President, Government Affairs, Idaho Forest Group.
12:30 pm	<p>Next Steps and Final Thoughts James D. Ogsbury, Executive Director, WGA</p>
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