



Draft Agenda
Montana Forest Counties Summit
July 15, 2021
Delta Colonial Inn, Helena

Presented by Montana Coalition of Forest Counties (CFC), Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Forest Service Northern Region (FS), Bureau of Land Management Montana-Dakotas State Office (BLM), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Purpose: Discuss the role of counties in accelerating the pace and scale of forest management to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health across ownerships (implementation of Montana Forest Action Plan). Discuss Authorities and Decision Support Tools and Resources. Provide agency and county updates.

Attendees: County Commissioners and Staff, Agency Leaders

- 8:30** **Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review; Role of CFC:** Greg Chilcott & Jerry Bennett, Ravalli and Lincoln County Commissioners and Chair and Vice Chair of CFC; Steve Kimball, Local Government Forest Advisor, DNRC
- 9:00** **Urgency for Action: Montana Forests & Communities at Risk:** Speakers TBD (Invitations to Governor and DNRC Director)
- 9:30** **Working Across Boundaries:** Agency Leaders' Remarks: DNRC, USFS, BLM, NRCS
- 10:00** **Break**
- 10:15** **Implementing the Montana Forest Action Plan:** Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
- Update of Forest Action Plan implementation
 - Discussion of progress on funded projects
 - A look forward and tools available through the Forest Action Plan
- 10:45** **Special Authorities and Innovations:** Maureen Bookwalter, USFS Northern Region; Mark Peck, Lincoln County Commissioner

- 11:15** **Decision Support Tools and Resources:** Montana Wildfire Risk Assessment, Community Wildfire Protection Plans, Wildland Urban Interface, and County Coop Fire Protection: Cory Calnan, DNRC State/County Cooperative Fire Protection Manager & Matt Hall, DNRC Planning and Intelligence Program Manager
- 12:00** **Lunch** (Provided)
- 1:00** **Using the Plan Locally, Role of Counties, Barriers, Solutions-Actions to Pursue** (Breakout Discussions)
- 2:00** **Highlights of Breakout Discussions, Moving Forward, Actions for Follow-up** (Report Out)
- 2:45** **Break**
- 3:00** **Agency and County Updates** (DNRC, FS, BLM, NRCS, Counties)
- 4:00** **Wrap Up and Adjourn** (Kimball, Chilcott)