

Flames, Fuels, and Funding

Montana Society of American Foresters 2018 Annual Meeting

April 12th -14th 2018; Grouse Mountain Lodge; Whitefish, MT

Thursday April 12th: Natural Resource Leadership Conference

8:00 AM-Registration & Coffee

8:30 AM-Meeting Kickoff-Patrick Sullivan, Professional Development Center

12:00 PM-Lunch

1:00-SAF Organization (Local Chapter Leadership)

4:00 PM-Adjourn

5:00-6:00 PM-Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 PM-Downtown Whitefish-Great Northern Brewery & Spotted Bear Spirits Tours

Friday April 13th: Annual Meeting-Flames, Fuels, and Funding

7:00-8:00 AM-Business Meeting

7:30-8:30 AM-Registration & Coffee

8:30-8:40 AM-Housekeeping and Welcome-Jared Richardson-MT SAF Chair

8:40-9:10 AM-Greg Poncin-Opening Kickoff of "Flames, Fuels, and Funding"; a career as an incident manager and perspectives on the current wildfire operating environment

9:15-10:20 AM-Flames Panel (Moderated by Bob Castenanda)

Colin Hardy-Program Manager for Fire, Fuel and Smoke Program at Rocky Mountain Research Station

Jason Parke-Fuels Management on West Kootenai WMA & aftermath of Caribou Fire

10:20-10:40 AM-Morning Break

10:40-12:00 PM-Fuels Panel (Moderated by Ed Levert)

Byron Bonney-Effectiveness of fuels treatments related to the Roaring Lion & Lolo Peak Fires

Mark Finney-Research Scientist, Missoula Fire Lab

12:00-1:30 PM Lunch & Lunch Speaker-Governor Steve Bullock (Invited)

1:30-3:00 PM-Funding Panel (Moderated by Russ Gautreaux)

Neil Simpson-MT DNRC's Good Neighbor Authority program

Danielle Watson-Federal Wildfire Suppression Funding Reform discussion

Sen. Chas Vincent-State of Montana Wildfire Suppression Funding

3:00-3:30 PM Afternoon Break

3:30-4:30 PM-Final Panel (Moderated by Clay Stephenson)

Craig Goodell-National Cohesive Fire Strategy

Dennis Becker-State Funding for Wildfire Suppression in the Western US

5:30-6:30 PM-Evening Social and No Host Bar

6:30 PM Evening Banquet Dinner & presentation by Dr. Ron Wakimoto, CF on wildfire in Bhutan:

“Riding an Elephant to a Fire”

Saturday April 14th: Field Trip

6:30-7:30 AM-University of Montana Alumni Breakfast, hosted by Tom DeLuca, Dean of W.A.
Franke College of Forestry and Conservation

8:00 AM-Field Trip, Whitefish Municipal Projects and Hazardous Fuels Reductions

CFE Credits Available (pending approval)