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***2017 Annual Region 6 Ecology Meeting***

***October 16-20, Wenatchee, Washington***

**A MEETING OF PASSIONATE ECOLOGISTS EXPLORING WAYS TO**

**SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

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| **Monday, 16, 2017**  **PNW Research Lab**  **1133 N. Western Ave., Wenatchee**  **TRAVEL DAY – MOSTLY…**  **3:00 – 5:00 For those who can get there early: Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments – how can the ecologists facilitate their use. Will invite other regional climate change coordinators to call in adobe connect. Stay tuned for dial in info.**  **Invitees: Jessica Halofsky and Becky Gravenmier**  **Dinner on own** |
| **Tuesday, October 17, 2017 Work Session**  **Confluence Technology Center** ([285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee](https://www.bing.com/local?lid=YN932x17822958&id=YN932x17822958&q=Confluence+Technology+Center&name=Confluence+Technology+Center&cp=47.4637145996094%7e-120.330467224121&ppois=47.4637145996094_-120.330467224121_Confluence+Technology+Center&FORM=SNAPST))  **8:30 - 2:30 -- Regional Ecologists meet to work on finalizing PNV maps. Jane will send out details.**  **Catered lunch**  **3:00 – 5:00 -- Program Overview/Round Robin**  **5:30 PM -- Social, Greet and Meet! Finger-food, beer, wine. Hotel bar.**  **7:00 -- Dinner on own** |

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*** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 FIELD TRIP! ***

***Kicking it off with sunshine!***

Gather at Hotel Lobby at **0800 (**Red Lion Hotel Wenatchee, 1225 N Wenatchee Ave). Wear appropriate field gear, and bring warm clothes, lunch and water. We will be carpooling in whatever government SUV’s you all come in! **High-clearance vehicles would be preferable.**

***Field Tour Guides - WA Ecology Group and invited guests:***

* ***Jonathan Guzzo – The people and process side of fire as a restoration tool in Washington – why smoke matters.***
* ***Richie Harrod*** - **Overview of prescribed fire efforts in Washington.**
* ***David W. Peterson – Recovery after fire.***
* ***Group Discussions: Where is the uncertainty, and how do we minimize it?***

**Location**: Beautiful landscapes of Washington!

***RETURN BY 5:30***

***Wednesday night dinner to party with Sabine --*** South Restaurant in Pybus Market**,** 7 North Worthen #E15, Pybus Public Market, Wenatchee

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***Thursday, October 19, 2017. Breakfast on own***

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| **Time** | **Topic** | ***Speaker*** |
| **8:00 – 8:10** | Introductions and Housekeeping | ***Cheryl Friesen****, Science Liaison, WNF* |
| **8:10 – 8:45** | Welcome!  Introduction to theme for the day: “Understanding the social and ecological context of fire in Washington”  Round Robin: key points we heard in the field yesterday | ***Mike Williams,*** *Forest Supervisor, Okanogan Wenatchee*  ***James Dickinson****, Landscape Ecologist, Washington FS*  *All. James and Cheryl facilitate* |
| **8:45 - 9:10** | Using Traditional Ecological Knowledge for Restoration | ***Michelle M. Steen-Adams, Ph.D.*** *Forest Social-Ecological Scientist, PNW Research Station (Adobe Connect)* |
| **9:10 – 9:45** | Washington State 20 Year Forest Health Strategic Plan: Leadership Role for State of Washington in creating Resilient Forests. | ***Chuck Hersey*,** *Forest Health Program Manager, Washington Department of Natural Resources* |
| **9:45 – 10:05** | Break |  |

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| **Time** | **Topic** | ***Speaker*** |
| **10:05 – 10:30** | Linking landscapes through science, management, and social collaboratives | ***Kara Karboski,*** *Fire, Landscapes, and Communities Coordinator of Washington RC&D, and Coordinator of the Washington Prescribed Fire Council* |
| **10:30 – 11:00**  **11:00 – 11:30**    **11:30 – 12:00** | Late successional habitats and fire: challenging mix for sustaining populations.   * Fire prone landscapes and wildlife: managing over time and space/   Overview of fire-ecology and critters   * Spotted owls and their prey and northern goshawks * The fish and fire story | ***Bill Gaines****, retired FS*  ***Peter Singleton****, PNW Researcher*    ***Rebecca Flitcroft,*** *PNW, Research Fish Biologist* |
| **12:00 – 12:45** | **Lunch catered** |  |
| **12:45 – 1:15** | Group Discussion: Challenges and role of the ecologists related to the morning talks. | *All* |
| **1:15 – 1:45** | Restoration of landscapes: spatial pattern and multiple scales | ***Sabine Mellman-Brown,***  *Vegetation Ecologist, Blackfoot Swan Restoration Project* |
| **1:45 – 2:15** | Westside Forests Restoration: defining needs and identifying opportunities | ***Kevin James,*** *Western WA Ecology*  *Group* |
| **2:15 – 2:35** | Break |  |
| **2:35 – 3:00** | How can FS Ecologists help reduce barriers to  the use of best available science?  Reflections on the JFSP study on science  integration and Group Discussion. | ***Janean Creighton****, Joint Fire Science Program* |

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| **Time** | **Topic** | ***Speaker*** |
| **3:00 4:20** | Restoration and fire  1. How are you involved with using fire as a  restoration tool?  2. How do we determine appropriate management scales for using fire for restoration?  3. How do we measure success? | **Small groups** |
| **4:20 – 5:00** | TBD bin items |  |
| **5:00** | ADJOURN |  |
| **6:30 - 9:00** | Dinner -- with after dinner speaker  Stanley Asah, Social Scientist, Univ of WA | **Mission Ridge Ski Resort**  **(per diem rate)** |

***FRIDAY – TRAVEL DAY. BREAKFAST ON OWN.***

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