

2022 Joint Montana Forest Landowner and Society of American Foresters Conference
as of 2/1/22

“Exploring Human and Ecosystem Response to Wildfire”

Delta Hotels Helena Colonial, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT

Friday, April 22, 2022

- 8:00 - 8:30 AM **Registration**
- 8:30 - 8:45 AM **Welcome:**
Ed Levert, Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation
Dale Kerkvliet, Eastside Chapter MT Society of American Foresters
- 8:45 - 9:00 AM **Opening Remarks:**
Governor Greg Gianforte (*Invited*)
- 9:00 - 9:45 AM **Opening Session:**
Historical Scope and Scale of Wildland Fire in Montana
Speaker TBD
- 9:45 - 10:00 AM **Break** with Refreshments (Visit Silent Auction)
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM **Round 1 - Morning Breakout Sessions** (*Choose one*)
- Session A: **Post-Fire Ecology**
Dr. Andrew Larson, W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation,
Professor of Forest Ecology
- Session B: **Montana’s Forest Action Plan**
Sonya German, MT DNRC, Forestry Division Administrator
Wyatt Frampton, MT DNRC, Forest Action Plan Project Manager
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM **Round 2 - Morning Breakout Sessions** (*Choose one*)
- Session A: **Effective Post-Fire Rehabilitation Strategies**
Dr. Peter Kolb, MSU Extension Forestry, Forestry Specialist
- Session B: **Wildfire Impacts on Elk Habitat**
Lauren Snobl, W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation,
Wildlife Researcher
- 12:00 - 1:45 pm **Luncheon with Speaker**
Ellen Baumler, Interpretive Historian on Helena’s History
- 1:45 PM **Close Silent Auctions**

1:45 - 2:45 PM

Round 3 - Afternoon Breakout Sessions (*Choose one*)

Session A: **Is there a Future for Prescribed Burning on Montana Private Lands?**

Julia Berkey, MT DNRC, Forestry Outreach Specialist

Session B: **Wildfire Impacts on Forest Insects and Disease**

Amy Gannon, MT DNRC, Forest Pest Program Manager

2:45 - 4:00 PM

Round 4 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions (*Choose one*)

Session A: **Wildfire Incident Management**

John Thompson, Wildfire Incident Commander

Sheriff Leo Dutton, Lewis & Clark County

Session B: **Anecdotal Observations of Wildfire Behavior in Managed Forest Settings**

Dr. Peter Kolb, MSU Extension Forestry, Forestry Specialist

4:10 - 4:30 PM

Closing Session:

Announce Silent Auction Winners - Closing Comments