

**2022 Joint Montana Forest Landowner and Society of American Foresters Conference**  
as of 2/7/22

**“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**  
Dr. Mark Finney, Missoula Fire Science Laboratory, Research Forester
- 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