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TO: WCC1003: Western Coordinating Committee – Forestry
(Multistate Research Coordinating Committee and Information Exchange Group)

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SUBJECT: Coordination of Western Regional Extension Forestry Activities

Hello WCC:

It's my pleasure to invite you to attend the annual summer program. Thank you to our host Dr. Tony Cheng of Colorado State University for hosting this year's program and for attending to all of the site and field trip logistics. The purpose of the WCC is to identify present and emerging forest resource management "issues" of regional and even national significance, and to examine participants' interest and capacity for addressing problems as a multi-state approach. This opportunity helps to ground us in the reality of what we do best and to help members recognize the unique role that Extension represents and executes in facilitating forest science information and technology transfer needs. The combination of the information revealed through research, conveyed through Extension endeavors, and executed by and for practitioners and end-users is what I refer to as **coaction**.

I am admittedly a reluctant enthusiast when it comes to forestry collaboratives, but I recognize that cooperative planning and projects are increasingly viewed favorably by stakeholders and funding entities. Because Extension programs differ state-by-state in outreach capacity, establish distinctive relationships to solve local programs with effective partnerships, and develop strong relationships with institutions and research entities, these efficiencies can be leveraged to create greater regional impacts. This meeting creates a formal and casual occasion for us to plot and scheme great big good ideas for collaborative multi-state Extension projects.

Tony has organized a fantastic panel and field trip involving cross-boundary forest health improvement and wildfire hazard management programs at work. This involves private and public land owners/managers, and we will examine how knowledge exchange, science delivery, and technical assistance has worked in "**cohesive wildland fire management strategies**" in the Fort Collins vicinity.

See you in Colorado!

Andy

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Date	Time	Topic, Speaker(s)	Location
Mon. Aug 7	2:30 – 5:30	WCC Board Mtg	Lory Student Center, Rm 300
	After the work is done	Dinner	The Boot
Tue. Aug 8	8:00	Welcome; Logistics. Tony Cheng Introductions (All) Meeting Theme Introduction: Extension’s role in collaborative programs. Andy Perleberg	Lory Student Center, Rm 300
	8:30 – 9:30	PANEL Presentations: Cross-boundary forest health improvement and wildfire hazard management near Ft. Collins. Tony Cheng et al. CSU Extension, US Forest Service State & Private Forestry, Rocky Mtn Research Station, Colorado State Forest Service, and Wyoming Division of Forestry, others.	Lory Student Center, Rm 300
		BREAK	
	10:00 – 12:00	PANEL (cont.) and Q&A	Lory Student Center, Rm 300
		LUNCH (catered)	
	1:00 – 2:00	National program leaders good words, and, answer to the question “How can the WCC help to support your regional and national efforts” (20 min. incl. Q&A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Norland, National Program Leader, Forest Resource Management, USDA - National Institute of Food and Agriculture • Andy Ezell, Mississippi State University; National Association of University Forest Resources Programs • Kelsey Delaney, Council for Western State Foresters/ Western Forestry Leadership Coalition • Karl Dalla Rosa, Assistant Director, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region 	Lory Student Center, Rm 300
	2:00 – 3:00	Current Projects (20 min. incl. Q&A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Managing Risk or ‘Parallel Play’? Examining Connectivity Across Wildfire Risk Mitigation and Fire Response in the Intermountain West. Emily Davis, Tony Cheng, Heidi Huber-Stearns, Darren McAvoy. 	Lory Student Center, Rm 300

		Examples of Extension’s valuable role in collaborative projects (~20 min each incl. Q&A). To be determined; see Call for Presentations below. • TBD • TBD	
		BREAK	
	3:15 – 5:00	Group and/or break-outs: Idea’s for present and new collaborative multi-state Extension projects. ** bring your ideas to the meeting ** ** resource needs and have-nots. ** ** opportunities to update, refine, scale-up past and present projects. <i>Penetrating vs. Skimming</i> ** ** Some old technologies that still work. Upsides and downsides to status quo. Good buys vs. nice tries.**	Lory Student Center , Rm 300
		DINNER – TBD (ideas?)	
Wed. Aug 9		Field Trip (lunch provided)	

Call for Presentations (~20 min each incl. Q&A)

Call for **two-three** presentations that represent good examples of the unique role and value of Extension in collaborative forestry projects. Though seemingly obvious and avoidable, we’ve all gotten into situations where we have become involved in cooperative projects that did not capitalize on our strengths and was not a particularly valuable use of our time. We are seeking two or three short presentations that convey front-lines experiences with successful and perhaps some less positive views of collaborative endeavors, in order to stimulate dialog, perhaps help to avoid pitfalls, and offer retrospect of how you would have done things the same or different. **By June 30, please send presentation topic idea to: Andy Perleberg, andyp@wsu.edu**

Field Trip. Wednesday, August 9, 2017

There are a variety of forest stewardship projects just west of Fort Collins. We will tour areas of mixed ownership where multiple government and non-governmental entities are working together on forest management for landscape resilience and community wildfire protection. In other words, the primary emphasis is fire mitigation and restoration. There are some really interesting participants and collaborative efforts to explore. We’d be back mid-afternoon for folks to catch early-evening flights out of Denver.

Any WCC participant who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact Tony Cheng privately to discuss your specific needs. Tony.CHENG@ColoState.EDU

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REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is \$50 and includes lunch and refreshments for Aug. 8 (program meeting) and Aug. 9 (field trip).

To Register: Please return this registration form (with fee, check made payable to “WCC FORESTRY MEETING”) by Friday, July 21, to:

WSU Extension - Forestry
400 Washington Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Phone: (509) 667-6540

For credit card payment:

- 1) Go to <http://extension.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/>
- 2) Scroll down to [Make Electronic Payments Here](#) (about halfway down main page in **RED**)
- 3) Select **Forest Stewardship Program** from drop-down choices and complete your transaction. **You still need to return registration form.**

If you have questions regarding registration, payment instructions, etc. Contact office manager Mary Ellen Gormley, (509) 667-6540, gormley@wsu.edu

Refunds available until August 7, 2017.

Contact Information

Name: _____ Representing: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Daytime phone: _____ E-mail: _____
___ Individual registration/\$50 each \$_____

___ RSVP, please check so we can make reservations for Aug. 7, 6PM dinner at *The Boot*

CIRCLE Your Choice – Field Trip Lunch

The Collegiate -- Roast beef, smoked turkey breast, Dutch gouda cheese, tomato, leaf lettuce, and aioli spread on freshly baked bread

Turkey Avocado -- Sliced turkey breast and turkey bacon served on whole-grain bread with avocado, Greek yogurt, English cucumbers, marinated red onions, and romaine lettuce

Hummus and Vegetable Wrap (vegetarian -- Portabella mushrooms with roasted red bell peppers, caramelized onions, spinach, prepared with garlic hummus and wrapped in a flour tortilla (gluten-free tortilla **upon request**))

****ALL BOXED LUNCHES COME WITH CHIPS, COOKIES, AND SODA***

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FORTHCOMING -- Logistical information about transportation between Fort Collins and Denver Intl Airport, and getting around Fort Collins. Host: Tony Cheng, meeting host **Tony.CHENG@ColoState.EDU**

LODGING

Best Western University Inn

914 S College Avenue

Fort Collins, Colorado 80524

Hotel Direct Number

[\(970\) 484-2984](tel:(970)484-2984)

** Group ID "**Western Extension Forestry**" to get discounted rate.

<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/groupSearch.do?groupId=I93NJ4H7>

(Screenshot example of online registration. Rates fluctuate a bit, but are about \$150/d)

The screenshot shows the Best Western website interface for the University Inn. At the top, the Best Western logo is displayed alongside the text 'Hotels & Resorts'. A navigation bar includes a 'Sign Out' link and a 'MY ACCOUNT' dropdown menu. Below the navigation bar, there are 'SHARE' and 'ADD TO' buttons. The main content area features a large photograph of the hotel building, with the text 'Best Western University Inn' above it. A sidebar on the left contains the following information:

- BEST WESTERN Best Western University Inn**
- WESTERN FORESTRY EXTENSION**
- Group Start Date: 08/06/2017
- Group End Date: 08/09/2017
- Check In: 08/06/2017
- Check Out: 08/07/2017
- Room(s): 1
- Adult(s): 1
- Child(ren): 0
- Child Policy
- BOOK THIS HOTEL**

At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation menu with the following options: OVERVIEW, AMENITIES, MEETINGS, LOCAL ATTRACTIONS, and MAPS/ DIRECTIONS.

About WCC1003: Western Coordinating Committee – Forestry.

Who we are and represent:

- generally university faculty...representing western land grant universities...as the uncontested experts in adult forestry education for forest landowners and those who work with forest owners.
- Western states Extension Forestry programs vary widely in scope and depth. Numerous states have only one or very few Extension faculty/ educators predominantly dedicated to forestry, though one state has around 20.

Who we serve:

- Primarily, our audience is owners and managers of non-governmental, non-industrial private forest land. These owners and natural resource professionals control 34% of the 233 million acres of forestland in the west.

What we do:

- Extension foresters provide overall leadership in educational planning, content delivery, and program evaluation.
- We develop curricula, promote activities, convey fundamental and emerging facts and implications, assess and evaluate overall extent of outcomes, communicate the conclusions and leverage the product(s) to a variety of audiences. Presentation and publication of results to peers is a professional expectation.

WCC role in Extension Forestry:

- There is a need across the West to develop coordinated Extension Forestry efforts on a multi-state basis to achieve both programmatic and administrative efficiency and to help meet the requirements of the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act (AREERA). This coordination facilitates identification of issues, prioritization of needed information and other resources, and improves the formulation of response for multistate collaborations and integrated projects.
- While the WCC strengthens pre-existing partnerships, one key function is that it engages with the US Forest Service western research stations to improve technology transfer of forest science relevant across landscapes and ownerships.
- Recent examples include multistate investigation of forest owner perceptions of climate change; the “Ties to the Land” succession planning education. Recent endorsements of project proposals to the Joint Fire Science Program (funded) and Western Integrated Pest Management Center (not funded).

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Travel and lodging logistics



Transportation between Denver International Airport and Fort Collins

All major car rental companies serve Denver airport. Make sure to get a vehicle with a transponder for the ExpressToll E-470.

Green Ride is a viable door-to-door shuttle option. There is a Colorado State University discount code you can use: CSUZOO

Reserve a shuttle online at: <https://greenrideco.hudsonltd.net/res>
or call (970) 226-5533

Lodging

There is a block of rooms at the Best Western University Inn (914 S. College Avenue, Fort Collins) under "Western Forestry Extension". You can book online at this direct link: <http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/groupSearch.do?groupId=I93NJ4H7>
or call (970) 484-2984

Getting around

The Best Western University Inn is located just east of the CSU campus. The August 8 meeting will be in room 300, Lory Student Center, a 10 minute stroll from the hotel. The map is attached.

The heart of historic downtown Fort Collins is College and Mountain Avenues. This is a 1-mile walk north along College Ave. You can also catch the MAX rapid transit bus at the SE corner of University Ave and Mason (Google Maps can guide you there). The MAX has several stops along Mason St going north into downtown or south towards many other commercial districts.

Fort Collins boasts one of the highest restaurants-per-capita in the nation. The Downtown Business Association features some highlights: <http://downtownfortcollins.com/dining> Yelp and TripAdvisor surface many options and reviews for any palate.

Google Maps Best Western University Inn to Lory Student Center

Walk 0.5 mile, 10 min

