



New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit

Cycles of Wildfire Risk Reduction: from Mitigation to Recovery

Ruidoso Convention Center, Lincoln County, NM
October 11-13, 2023

Wednesday, October 11, 2023		(SAF 3 Cat 1 CFEs)
1:00 PM	Welcome <i>Presented by Teresa Rigby, Fire Mitigation/Education Specialist and Fire Training Coordinator, BLM and Lynn Crawford, Village of Ruidoso Mayor</i>	
1:15 PM	Lincoln & Otero County: Fire Country Lincoln and Otero Counties in Southern New Mexico have a history of wildland fires. We'll take a look at the frequency of fire events and their impacts. <i>Presented by Laura Doth, Executive Director, SCM RC&D Council; Nick Smokovich, District V Capitan District Forester, NM Forestry Division – EMNRD; and Dave Nunnelley, Utilities Director, City of Alamogordo</i>	
2:00 PM	Incident Management at the Little Bear Fire The Little Bear Fire began in June of 2012 and by the time it was contained burned over 44,000 acres and 254 structures. This panel will discuss the lessons learned by the incident management teams involved during and after the fire. <i>Presented by Joe Kenmore, Former Director, Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services; Nita Taylor, former Lincoln County Manager; and Lynn Lovelace, former District Forester, NM Forestry Division – EMNRD</i> <i>Moderated by Jerome Macdonald, President, East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness Association</i>	
3:00 PM	Break	
3:15 PM	Fire Tested: The McBride Fire and Mitigation Treatments Join us for a slide show illustrating the results of fuel treatments prior to the wildfire of the Moon Mountain Fire in 2016 and the McBride Fire in 2022. <i>Presented by Joe Kenmore, Former Director, Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services and Dick Cooke, Director of Forestry, Village of Ruidoso</i>	
3:45 PM	Field Trip: Moon Mountain/McBride Fire Multiple wildfires have burned on Moon Mountain within the wildland urban interface of Ruidoso. The long history of thinning treatments and how they benefited wildfire response and suppression efforts will be discussed. Additional topics include post-fire response, future forest management, and recreational opportunities on Moon Mountain. <i>Presented by Dick Cooke, Director of Forestry, Village of Ruidoso; Nick Smokovich, District V Capitan District Forester, NM Forestry Division – EMNRD; and Mark Meyers, NM State Land Office</i>	
5:00 PM-6:30 PM	FAC NM Social Hour Join your fellow attendees for drinks and light hors d'oeuvres at the MCM Elegante. <i>Hosted by the Fire Adapted Learning Network</i>	
Dinner on your own		

Thursday, October 12, 2023

(SAF 6.5 Cat 1 CFEs)

Doors open @ 8:30 AM - light breakfast provided

9:00 AM	<p>Fire Behavior Modeling</p> <p>Why Care about Fire Behavior Modeling? Models can be a powerful tool, but their quality is only as good as the information they incorporate. In this presentation, Dr. Nathan Gill of Texas Tech University will clarify the purposes of fire behavior modeling, show results from a few models of fire behavior in the Sacramento Mountains, and explain why your help is needed to improve our understanding of the different scenarios under which wildfires may burn in New Mexico's wildland urban interface.</p> <p><i>Presented by Nathan Gill, Assistant Professor, Department of Natural Resources Management, Texas Tech University</i></p>
10:00 AM	<p>Mitigation in the Mescalero Apache Reservation</p> <p>Learn how a landscape scale restoration vision was funded over multiple years and through various partnerships including the changes and challenges faced along the way.</p> <p><i>Presented by Thora Padilla, Director, Division of Resource Management and Protection, Mescalero Apache Tribe</i></p>
11:00 AM	Break
11:15 AM	<p>Fire Prevention Research/Joint Fire Science Program</p> <p>This session shares key findings from ongoing Joint Fire Science Program-funded research to reduce human-caused ignitions in the U.S. Southwest. Presentations will review GIS analysis of human-caused ignitions, surveys of recreationists on public lands, and interviews with fire prevention specialists, all informed by a science-management partnership with key agencies and scientists.</p> <p><i>Presented by Gabe Kohler, Program Manager, Forest Stewards Guild</i></p>
12:15 PM	<p>Lunch with Wildland Fire Coordinators</p> <p>This informal lunch session focuses on bridging the gaps between local enthusiasm and land management agencies. We'll discuss how wildland coordinators work together to help communities reach for program funding, and how a new generation of wildland coordinators are helping guide projects from planning through implementation.</p> <p><i>Presented by Gabe Kohler, Program Manager, Forest Stewards Guild and Gabriel Cordova, Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Coordinator, NM Forestry Division - EMNRD</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by George Ducker, Communications Coordinator, NM Forestry Division - EMNRD</i></p>
1:15 PM	<p>Recovery: Little Bear Fire at Bonito Lake</p> <p>Bonito Lake served as a popular recreation site and a major water source for Alamogordo. Learn what was involved in the reconstruction of Bonito Lake after the Little Bear Fire.</p> <p><i>Presented by Dave Nunnelley, Utilities Director, City of Alamogordo; Jerome Macdonald, President, East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness Association; and Joe Kenmore, Former Director, Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services</i></p>
2:00 PM-5:30 PM	<p>Field Trip: South Fork Campground, Bonito Lake & Smokey Bear Historical Park</p> <p>Join us on a trip to learn about the reforestation program in the Lincoln National Forest and see the reconstruction efforts at Bonito Park followed by an educational visit to Smokey Bear Historical Park. Discover the history of Smokey Bear and wildland fire fighting efforts as Smokey continues to champion prevention of careless human fires.</p> <p><i>Presented by Marisa Bowen, Forest Silviculturist, US Forest Service; Dave Nunnelley; and Mary Lavin, Managing Forester, Smokey Bear Historical Park</i></p>

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Friday, October 13, 2023

(SAF 3.5 Cat 1 CFEs)

Doors open @ 7:30 AM - light breakfast provided

8:00 AM	<p>Active in Disaster: Whole Community Organizations What do we do now? It sometimes feels like the real work begins after the disaster. Post-disaster response is an important part of your planning. Who do you reach out to for help? How do you find them? This panel discusses real life responses and how this part of the process works.</p> <p><i>Presented by David Elliot, Enchanted Circle COAD; Riker Davis, Chairman of the Board, Community Foundation of Lincoln County; and Stephen Carter, Executive Director, EcoServants</i> <i>Moderated by Jerome Macdonald, President, East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness Association</i></p>
9:00 AM	<p>The Elements of Fire Risk Extreme Event Risk Modeling – Learn how data is utilized in wildfire risk modeling and how insurance companies use the wildfire model results. Insurance Challenges in the WUI – Learn how the provided risk ratings change the dollar value of a policy from one property to another. Group discussion – Bring your questions, concerns, and recommendations.</p> <p><i>Presented by Nicholas Brewer, Senior Risk Consultant, Extreme Event Solutions and Ashley Dalton, Ashley Dalton Farmers Agency</i> <i>Moderated by Nick Smokovich, District V Capitan District Forester, NM Forestry Division – EMNRD</i></p>
10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	<p>Connect the Dots: CWPP Updates & Federal Funding Show me the Money! From planning and mitigation to post-disaster restoration, finding the funds to complete your projects is an important part of the equation. Our panel of experts can point you in the right direction.</p> <p><i>Presented by Aaron Reynolds, EWP Program Manager, NRCS; Abigail Plecki, Forester, NM Forestry Division – EMNRD; and Teresa Rigby, Fire Mitigation/Education Specialist and Fire Training Coordinator, BLM</i> <i>Moderated by Laura Doth, Executive Director, SCM RC&D Council</i></p>
11:45 AM-12:00 PM	<p>Summit Wrap-Up & Prizes</p> <p><i>Presented by Teresa Rigby, Fire Mitigation/Education Specialist and Fire Training Coordinator, BLM</i></p>

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