

Forests in the Gorge: Building Resilience in a Changing Climate

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Meeting Goals

- Build shared understanding about forests in the National Scenic Area (NSA) – ecology, climate, and fire trends in wet westside, transition, and dry eastside forests
- Learn about opportunities for landowners, agencies, tribes, and the Gorge Commission to adapt to drought, fire, and other stressors
- Inform climate actions the Commission can take, including potential improvements to the Management Plan

SUMMARY AGENDA

6:00 pm Welcome, introductions, and agenda review – *Jessica Olson, CRGC*

- Brief overview of the Commission’s Climate Change Action Plan

6:10 pm Part I: Forest types and trends in the NSA

Speakers: Roland Rose and Casey Gatz (U.S. Forest Service Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area), Glenn Ahrens (Oregon State University Extension)

- Forests in the NSA – ecology, climate, and fire trends
- Forest management in the NSA

6:30 pm Moderated Q&A with the speakers

6:40 pm Part II: Adapting to change and building resilience

Speakers: Roland Rose and Casey Gatz (CRGNSA), Glenn Ahrens (OSU Extension), Jonathan Tallman (Yakama Nation Fuels Management), Hilary Lungren (WA Fire Adapted Communities)

- Ecological resilience: Forest health examples and resources
- Community resilience: Reducing fire risk, preparing homes and communities
- Q&A and guided discussion

7:50 pm Wrap up and next steps

8:00 pm Good evening!