

NORTHWEST FOREST SOILS COUNCIL

2026 Training and Research Updates — Draft Agenda

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 | The River's Edge, 4611 Tumwater Valley Dr. SE, Olympia, WA | In-person & Virtual

CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

The Northwest Forest Soils Council (NWFSC) invites proposals for oral presentations at our 2026 Annual Meeting, to be held Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at The River's Edge in Olympia, Washington, with a virtual attendance option. Since 1949, NWFSC has served as a forum for the exchange of forest soils information and ideas among researchers, land managers, and other natural resource professionals across the Northwest, and for advancing a shared understanding that soil is the foundation of forest productivity — timber, forage, water, wildlife, and recreation values alike.

We welcome talks on any aspect of forest soils science and management, including but not limited to: soil productivity and nutrition, silviculture and site quality, forest soil disturbance and restoration, biogeochemistry and carbon, soil biology and microbial ecology, hydrology and watershed processes, climate change effects on forest soils, digital soil mapping and remote sensing, and emerging tools and technologies for forest soils monitoring. Both completed research and works in progress are welcome, as are presentations from graduate students and early-career professionals.

Presentation slots are approximately 20–25 minutes, including time for questions. Please submit a title, a brief abstract (200 words or fewer), and presenter name/affiliation to Mark Kimsey / mkimsey@uidaho.edu by August 7th. Presenters will be notified of acceptance by August 21st.

Questions about the program may be directed to Mark Kimsey. Registration details and venue information are available at westernforestry.org/events/2026-nwfsc/.

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Venue: The River's Edge, 4611 Tumwater Valley Dr. SE, Olympia, WA

Format: In-person and virtual (\$45 registration for either option)

DRAFT AGENDA

The schedule allows for six to eight presentation slots plus dedicated time for welcome remarks, breaks, and a closing 30-minute business meeting.

TIME	ITEM	TITLE / TOPIC	PRESENTER
Noon	Registration & Check-in	Order Lunch	
12:20	Welcome & Opening Remarks	NWFSC Chair / Program Chair	
12:30	Talk 1	Improvement of Soils through BioChar Uses	Nate Anderson, USFS-RMRS

TIME	ITEM	TITLE / TOPIC	PRESENTER
1:15 PM	Talk 2	<i>Reburns exacerbate seasonal drying of soils in western Oregon forests</i>	<i>Katherine McCool, Oregon State University</i>
2:00 PM	Talk 3	<i>NRCS Soil Moisture Regime Study</i>	<i>Mark Kimsey, University of Idaho</i>
2:30 PM	Break	<i>30 minutes</i>	
3:00 PM	Talk 4	<i>Forestland In-field Soil Health Assessment</i>	<i>Max Ross, NRCS</i>
3:45 PM	Talk 5	<i>Pacific Northwest Forest Carrying Capacity Models</i>	<i>Mark Kimsey, University of Idaho</i>
4:15 PM	Talk 6	Introducing the new SSURGO Portal	Steve Campbell, NRCS West Nat Tech Support
4:45 PM	NWFSC Business Meeting	<i>15 minutes — 2027 planning, other council business</i>	