WOMEN IN FOREST MANAGEMENT

2027 Conference Agenda

Beyond the Canopy: Growing Leadership, Connection and Influence

FEBRUARY 22–23, 2027	**BEST WESTERN PLUS UNIVERSITY INN**
MONDAY 10:30 A.M. – TUESDAY 3:30 P.M.	**1516 W. PULLMAN ROAD • MOSCOW, IDAHO**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 • LEAD YOURSELF AND BUILD YOUR NETWORK	
TIME	**SESSION**
10:30–11:30 a.m.	**University of Idaho ICCU Arena Mass Timber Tour** OPTIONAL • Explore the arena's mass timber design, procurement and engineering story. • Advance registration required; maximum of 30
11:30 a.m.	**Conference check in opens** • Conference check-in and informal networking; lunch is on your own.
1:00–1:30 p.m.	**Welcome and Conference Opening** • Board introductions, WIFM update, participant connections and conference orientation.
1:30–2:30 p.m.	**Featured Session: Moving from Technical Expert to Effective Leader, *Vicki Christiansen, Former Chief, U.S. Forest Service***
2:30–2:45 p.m.	**Questions and Application Discussion** • Identify one technique to apply immediately.
2:45–3:00 p.m.	**Break**
3:00pm-4:00 p.m.	**Panel: Building Your Personal Board of Advisors*:* Daria Paxton, Susan David, Kila Benge, Tera King** • Women across forestry sectors discuss mentors, sponsors, peer networks and audience questions.
4:15–5:00 p.m.	**Facilitated Peer Roundtables***:* Choose from: *Juggling Work and Caretaker Roles; Managing Burnout; Diversity and Inclusion; Overcoming Imposter Syndrome, Master Storytelling; Safety, Preparedness and Confidence in the Field*
5:30–7:30 p.m.	**WIFM Networking Reception and Dinner** • Hosted networking dinner (confirm attendance with registration for accurate count)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 • LEAD OTHERS AND LEAD THE PROFESSION

TIME	SESSION
8:00–8:30 a.m.	**Coffee, Networking** • Reconnect with colleagues and meet new participants before the morning sessions.
8:30–9:30 a.m.	**Professional Development Lightning Talks** *(volunteers TBD)* • Short participant presentations highlighting technical work, projects, career pathways or lessons learned. • Structured feedback supports presentation and communication skills.
9:30–10:30 a.m.	**Facilitated Breakout Workshops** Choose from 1 of 4 Workshops that will focus on: Running your own Business (Isabelle Hoygaard – Wild Goat Consulting); Influence without authority (Jennifer Okerlund – Idaho Forest Products Commission); Navigating the Forestry Industry and Forest Industry Finance (Heidi Krueger – Edward Jones); Successful Mentoring (Teresa Loo – Tacoma Power)
10:30–10:45 a.m.	**Break**
10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	**Featured Session: Communicating with Confidence in Challenging Situations, *Meghan Tuttle, Environmental Affairs Manager, Weyerhaeuser*** .Presentation followed by audience questions.
12:00–1:00 p.m.	**WIFM Business Meeting and Lunch** • Open to all registered participants. • Review progress and strategic priorities, elect officers and invite nominations for vacant board positions.
1:30–4:00 p.m.	**Field tour: University of Idaho Experimental Forest** **OPTIONAL** **•Transportation from the University Inn to the Experimental Forest is available.** • Advance registration required, maximum of 30

Conference Menu:

Snack Breaks will include season fresh veggies with ranch dressing and creamy balsamic for dipping sauces along with a trail mix bar of assorted granola, mixed nuts, pretzels and dried fruits.

Networking Dinner will be the Famous Idaho Potato Buffet with tender sliced beef brisket and mesquite-grilled chicken breast, served with huckleberry and chipotle BBQ sauce on the side. (Be sure to note your dietary preferences to ensure accommodations can be made).

Business Lunch will be a Hearty Soup and Salad Bar. Choice of 2 soups (TBD and dietary restrictions will be considered for choices), served with spring greens, chopped romaine, shredded carrots, diced cucumber, grape tomatoes, black olives, Parmesan, shredded cheddar, diced chicken, bacon, and croutons with assorted dressings. Includes Chef's choice pasta salad, pea salad, and fresh-baked rolls with butter.