

Join Us for a Webinar Climate, Megafires, and Conservation Financing

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Please join the U.S. Forest Service’s Office of Sustainability and Climate and the National Partnership Office to discuss how climatic changes can influence wildland fire activity across the globe and how these critical fire weather variables have changed over the last 40 years. These changes in key weather variables have combined to both lengthen the fire season and increase the fire weather severity within the fire season. With more area burned each year, the Forest Service is exploring innovative ways to finance conservation and restoration work. The *Blue Forest Conservation’s* Forest Resilience Bond invests in restoration projects that protect forest health, mitigating both wildfire and drought risk. Contracting with both public and private beneficiaries to monetize the multifaceted benefits of forest restoration, the Forest Resilience Bond creates value for a diverse set of stakeholders (including the US Forest Service, water and electric utilities, private water-dependent companies, state governments, and insurance companies).

Agenda

1:00	Introduction – Cynthia West (<i>Director, Office of Sustainability and Climate, USDA Forest Service</i>) and Denise Blankenship (<i>Deputy Director, Fire and Aviation Management, USDA Forest Service</i>). Moderated by Dixie Porter (<i>Deputy Director, Office of Sustainability and Climate, USDA Forest Service</i>)
1:15	Climate-induced variations in global severe fire weather conditions – Matt Jolly (<i>Research Ecologist, Rocky Mountain Research Station, USDA Forest Service</i>)
1:40	Questions and Answers
1:50	Conservation Financing and the Forest Resilience Bond – Jacqueline Emanuel (<i>Director, National Partnership Office</i>) and Zach Knight (<i>Managing Partner, Blue Forest Conservation</i>)
2:20	Questions and Answers
2:30	Conclude

To learn more about megafires, watch [Dr. Paul Hessburg’s Ted Talk](#).

Connection Information

Webinar information: <http://www.climatewebinars.net/webinars/climate-megafires>

Audio Conference Line: 1-877-369-5243; **Access Code:** 0290297##

WO Meeting Room: Fire Camp (PNW05)

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