



# NAFEW 2026 Schedule Overview

## Tuesday, June 23: NAFEW Day 1

Rooms	North Ballroom	Todd 210	UC 326/327	UC 329	UC 330	UC 331	UC 332	UC 333	UC Theater	UC 225
9:00am	Plenary: Managing for Resilient Forests (North Ballroom)									
10:20am	Morning Break									
10:50am	<b>Special Session</b> Aspen on fire: 'The report of my death has been greatly exaggerated'	<b>Workshop</b> Synthesizing changing drivers of dry conifer forest structure following long-term fire-exclusion across the western US	<b>General Session</b> Fuel treatments	<b>Workshop (Pre-registration required)</b> Designing well spread and balanced samples using space filling curves and ancillary data	<b>Special Session</b> Wet doesn't burn: Emerging trends in the integration of aquatic restoration in pre and post wildfire management	<b>Special Session</b> Partial disturbance and stand development: applications for ecology & silviculture	<b>Special Session</b> From inventory to resilience: Rethinking forest monitoring for a disturbance-prone era	<b>General Session</b> Fire ecology	<b>Special Session</b> Forest ecophysiology and fluxes	<b>Workshop</b> Forest bioeconomy adoption pathways: Understanding social barriers, ecological resilience, economic incentives, and technology readiness
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12:10pm	Lunch									
12:30pm	Lunch									
2:00pm	<b>Special Session</b> Aspen on fire: 'The report of my death has been greatly exaggerated'	<b>Training</b> Introduction to NFMA and NEPA	<b>General Session</b> Landscape dynamics and ecological resilience	<b>Workshop Cont'd (Pre-registration required)</b> Designing well spread and balanced samples using space filling curves and ancillary data	<b>General Session</b> Remote sensing	<b>Special Session</b> Partial disturbance and stand development: applications for ecology & silviculture	<b>Special Session</b> Tree planting for adaptation: How the North American Adaptive Silviculture for Climate Change network has operationalized assisted migration and other planting strategies	<b>General Session</b> Forest ecology and dynamics	<b>Special Session</b> Forest ecophysiology and fluxes	<b>Special Session</b> Long-term ecological responses to fuel treatments: 25+ years of the Fire & Fire Surrogate Network
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3:20pm	Lunch									
3:40pm	Poster Session (North Ballroom, 3:40pm - 5:30pm)									

## Wednesday, June 24: NAFEW Day 2

Rooms	North Ballroom	Todd 210	Room 326/327	Room 329	Room 330	Room 331	Room 332	Room 333	UC Theater	Room 225
9:00am	Plenary: Resilience in Action (North Ballroom)									
9:50am	Morning Break									
10:20am	<b>Special Session</b> Water-carbon interactions in tree defense and resilience	<b>Workshop (Pre-registration required)</b> Robust sampling design in R: Case studies with TEON and AIM	<b>General Session</b> Post-fire restoration and regeneration	<b>Open Workspace</b>	<b>Special Session</b> The disturbance ecology of beavers and how nature-based solutions can shape forests & watersheds	<b>Special Session</b> Leveraging Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) data to meet forest ecology information needs	<b>Special Session</b> Forest ecosystem vulnerability assessments: Regional approaches and tools to assess climate change risks	<b>Special Session</b> Leveraging the ForestGEO plot network to advance our understanding of temperate forest dynamics	<b>General Session</b> Historical fire regime	<b>Workshop</b> Integrating spatially explicit restoration treatment effectiveness and beneficial wildfire to quantify ecological integrity
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11:40am	Lunch									
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1:30pm	<b>Special Session</b> Adaptation strategies in high elevation infrequent fire forests of Western North America	<b>Open Workspace</b>	<b>Special Session</b> Simulation and modeling approaches for estimating wildfire risk to build resiliency in the forests of CONUS	<b>Open Workspace</b>	<b>Workshop</b> The disturbance ecology of beavers and how nature-based solutions can shape forests & watersheds	<b>Special Session</b> Successes and challenges of using spatial pattern as a foundation for forest management	<b>General Session</b> Tree growth responses	<b>Workshop</b> Leveraging the ForestGEO plot network to advance our understanding of temperate forest dynamics	<b>Special Session</b> Meeting the wildfire challenge with proactive wildfire and prescribed fire management	<b>Workshop</b> Enabling conditions: What are the critical steps to widespread implementation of flexible NEPA compliance?
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2:50pm	Lunch									

<b>3:10pm</b>	Afternoon Break									
<b>3:40pm</b>	<b>Special Session</b> Adaptation strategies in high elevation infrequent fire forests of Western North America	<b>Training</b> Silviculture for Non-silviculturists	<b>Special Session</b> Simulation and modeling approaches for estimating wildfire risk to build resiliency in the forests of CONUS	<b>Open Workspace</b>	<b>General Session</b> Ecosystem processes	<b>General Session</b> Fire ecology	<b>General Session</b> Ecosystem change	<b>Special Session</b> How drinking water utilities are investing in healthy forested headwaters conservation	<b>General Session</b> Plant hydraulics and environmental stress	<b>Workshop</b> Enabling conditions: What are the critical steps to widespread implementation of flexible NEPA compliance?
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<b>6:00pm</b>	Social and dinner at Caras Park (6:00pm - 10:00pm)									

**Thursday, June 25: NAFEW Day 3**

Rooms	North Ballroom	Todd 210	Room 326/327	Room 329	Room 330	Room 331	Room 332	Room 333	UC Theater	Room 225
<b>9:00am</b>	Plenary: Enriching Forest Science and Conservation Through Art (North Ballroom)									
<b>9:50am</b>	Morning Break									
<b>10:20am</b>	<b>Special Session</b> Dusting off the toolbox: restoring (pyro-) silvicultural action to western forests to meet wildfire & climate mitigation objectives	<b>Workshop</b> Rehabilitating old-growth forest definitions: Reconciling multiple perspectives	<b>Open Workspace</b>	<b>Open Workspace</b>	<b>Special Session</b> Prioritizing forest function and resilience in wildfire planning and incident response	<b>General Session</b> Fire ecology	<b>General Session</b> Lidar and structure mapping	<b>General Session</b> Pests and pathogens	<b>Special Session</b> Drought in forested ecosystems: Early career perspectives from across disciplines	<b>General Session</b> Forest ecology and management
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<b>12:00pm</b>	Lunch									
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Special Session</b> Scale it up: Lessons learned from landscape-scale pyro-silviculture	<b>Open Workspace</b>	<b>General Session</b> Old forests	<b>Open Workspace</b>	<b>Special Session</b> Prioritizing forest function and resilience in wildfire planning and incident response	<b>General Session</b> Five-needle pine ecology	<b>General Session</b> Fire ecology	<b>Special Session</b> Rehabilitative silviculture for degraded northern hardwood stands	<b>Special Session</b> No surprises: Emerging tree mortality events in the Anthropocene	<b>General Session</b> Forest ecology and dynamics
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<b>3:10pm</b>	Afternoon Break									
<b>3:40pm</b>	<b>Workshop</b> Dusting off the toolbox - working group	<b>Training</b> Introduction to the Endangered Species Act (ESA)	<b>General Session</b> Adaptive forest management	<b>Workshop</b> NAUFRP and educating the next generation of forest ecologists and managers	<b>General Session</b> Fire modeling	<b>General Session</b> Forest ecology and dynamics	<b>General Session</b> Forest ecology and management	<b>General Session</b> Inventory databases and tools	<b>Special Session</b> No surprises: Emerging tree mortality events in the Anthropocene	<b>General Session</b> Forest ecology and dynamics
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**Friday, June 26: Field Trips**

<b>Field Trips Offsite</b>	Fuel treatment effects in ponderosa pine-Douglas-fir forests: 25+ Years of the Lubrecht Fire-Fire Surrogate Study (8:00am - 1:00pm) State of Montana Arboretum and native plant gardens at the University of Montana (9:00am - 12:00pm) Tour of the USDA Forest Service Fire Sciences Laboratory and Missoula Smokejumper Center (9:00am - 12:00pm) Whitebark pine restoration and ecology (9:00am - 2:30pm) The Power of Partnership: The Reserve Treaty Rights Lands Program and Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TREX) support the implementation of forest restoration work across the Blackfoot Valley (8:00am - 5:00pm)
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